

Shamir to seek peace treaty

BONN (R) — Yitzhak Shamir, who seems likely to become Israel's next prime minister, was quoted Saturday as saying he wanted to strengthen the Israeli army while seeking peace. "The first and most important aim I have set myself is the signing of a peace treaty with a further Arab state," Mr. Shamir, told the West German newspaper Bild Am Sonntag. He did not specify which one he had in mind. Mr. Shamir, elected leader of Israel's Herut Party this week to succeed Prime Minister Menachem Begin, also said he considered the withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli troops from Lebanon an urgent priority. But he made it clear he would not allow any weakening of military defences. "I also want to strengthen the Israeli army so that no Arab state tries to attack Israel," he said. A dispute over planned defence cuts was one of the main problems that dogged Prime Minister Menachem Begin during the final weeks before he announced he would resign.

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Soviets stage naval exercises

ROME (R) — Soviet warships carried out exercises in the Tyrrhenian Sea off Italy's west coast last week, coming at one point within 30 miles of Sardinia, the Italian Defence Ministry announced Saturday. The vessels, which at no time entered Italian territorial waters, were observed and photographed by Italian aircraft and the frigate Carabiniere, the ministry said. NATO and U.S. bases are dotted around southern Italy and Sardinia, and the NATO South European Command is in Naples.

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Grenade explodes outside Jewish settlers' house

TEL AVIV (R) — A hand grenade exploded Saturday night outside a building housing Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron, Israeli Television reported. Initial reports said there were no injuries in the blast outside Beit Hadassah, the scene of numerous clashes between Israeli settlers and Palestinian Arabs in Hebron.

OAU chairman expresses support for Palestinians

ADDIS ABABA (R) — The chairman of the Organisation of African Unity Saturday expressed the OAU's support for the Palestinian cause. Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam, speaking in his capacity as OAU chairman, said in a message to a United Nations Conference on Palestine being held in Geneva: "It is tragic to note that for nearly four decades, the rights of the people of Palestine have been trampled underfoot in full view of the international community." He assured the conference of "Africa's unwavering commitment to the struggle for justice, equality and peace in the Middle East and solidarity with the Palestinian people."

Badran, Nishanov discuss Mideast, bilateral ties

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Saturday received in his office the Soviet Ambassador in Amman, Mr. Rafik Nishanov. During the meeting, they discussed current Middle East situation and the Jordan-Soviet relations in the light of the recent developments in the area.

2 Israeli peace group members meet Arafat

GENEVA (R) — Two members of an "Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestine Peace," which seeks a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), met PLO leader Yasser Arafat here Friday, one of them said. Mr. Uri Avneri told reporters he and Mr. Matityahu Peled met Mr. Arafat after he addressed a U.N. Palestine Conference being held here. The conference is being boycotted by the governments of Israel and the U.S., while most West European nations are represented only by observers. However, the "Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestine Peace" is participating as a non-governmental organisation.

540,000 pilgrims arrive in S. Arabia

BAHRAIN (R) — Nearly 540,000 foreign pilgrims have arrived in Saudi Arabia for the annual haj (pilgrimage) to the holy shrines in Mecca and Medina, the official Saudi Press Agency said Saturday. Saudi Arabia expects about two million people will this year make the pilgrimage, which reaches a climax a day before the Eid Al Adha (feast of sacrifice) on about Sept. 17.

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Druze warn army against storming Shouf stronghold

BEIRUT (R) — Druze fighters warned the Lebanese army Saturday that Lebanon would erupt into "endless war" if the army tried to storm their strongholds as an Israeli pullback from the Shouf mountains appeared imminent.

Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan said Israel was going ahead with its long-awaited partial withdrawal from the Shouf mountains south of Beirut "in spite of our objections."

"Saturday is a decisive day," he said as he emerged from a parliamentary session in Beirut. He gave no precise date for the Israeli move.

The mainly-Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) meanwhile said in a statement that its fighters would allow the army to enter only after prior agreement.

"We know precisely the meaning of trying to storm the mountains with force of arms. It would be the hour of endless war."

Lebanese officers expect Israel to move from the Druze-dominated Shouf any day now, presenting the 33,000-strong army with a major test only days after it moved tanks and thousands of men into Beirut to crush a Muslim insurrection.

Christian Falangists later reported that Israeli convoys pulled out of the mountain town of Aley, on the Beirut-Damascus Highway, late Saturday afternoon and Israeli soldiers were seen packing up in the nearby town of Souq Al Gharb.

A spokesman said the Israelis had handed over a position in the southern Shouf village of Baigoun.

to Druze militiamen Friday night in another preparation for the pullback.

The Falangists have been battling Druze fighters for control of the area for the past year of Israeli occupation.

But an Israeli military spokesman outside Beirut said: "The redeployment has not yet begun. We are getting ready to move out at short notice and we are taking away all non-essential equipment."

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel held an emergency meeting with Prime Minister Wazzan and army commander General Ibrahim Tannous to discuss Israel's imminent pullback, state-run Beirut Radio said.

The Falangist radio reported clashes Saturday night between Christian Souq Al Gharb and the Druze village of Aitah. There was no immediate report of casualties in the fighting, which appeared to be limited.

The PSP appeared to be replying to a senior officer who was quoted by Beirut newspapers Friday as saying the army would go into the Shouf whether an agreement was reached or not.

PSP leader Walid Junblatt is seeking a wide-ranging accord with Christian President Amin Gemayel giving Lebanon's estimated 250,000 Druze a greater

say in running the country.

U.S. pledges support

The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, Richard Murphy, pledged support Saturday for the Lebanese government's efforts to extend its control over the entire country.

Mr. Murphy told reporters after a 90-minute meeting in Cairo with Egypt's Foreign Minister, Kamal Hassan Ali, that he hoped Lebanon's civil and military authorities would "extend their operations over the whole country with the success achieved in Beirut."

Mr. Murphy said the United States was concerned with "everything possible that should be done to strengthen the capabilities of the central government of Lebanon, to help Lebanon stand again on its own two feet without the presence of any foreign forces."

Syria refuses to withdraw

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria reiterated its refusal to withdraw its forces from Lebanon if Israeli troops remained there.

"There will be no problem between Syria and Lebanon when it secures an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from its territories, and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel knows this," state-controlled Damascus Radio said in a commentary.

"But how do they justify or even think of a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon when they permit the Israeli military presence to remain just 20 kilometres away from Damascus," the radio asked.

give the Druze a role in running the country.

Israel has agreed twice to delay its withdrawal from the area but has indicated it will redeploy in the next few days.

Mr. Hughes declined comment on the election of Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir as leader of Israel's governing Herut Party.

"The process is moving forward, it's an internal matter for Israel," Hughes said. "I don't think we would have any comment on that."

McFarlane to hold talks with Shultz

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Special U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane is returning from Lebanon Saturday night to consult with Secretary of State George Shultz, the State Department said Saturday.

The department said it was not known if Mr. McFarlane would attend a White House meeting on Saturday morning of President Reagan and his national security advisers to discuss the situation in Lebanon and the Middle East, or whether Mr. Shultz would relay Mr. McFarlane's report.

Spokesman John Hughes gave no other details of Mr. McFarlane's programme.

Mr. McFarlane has been trying to work out an agreement to put Lebanese army troops into the Shouf Mountains east of Beirut when Israeli troops withdraw to control fighting there between Druze and Christian forces.

Druze leader Walid Junblatt said his forces, which now control the Shouf, will fight the army if it enters the area before President Amin Gemayel agrees to

the multinational force and would serve as a deterrent factor in the event of an attack on the Beirut Port.

The French Defence Ministry denied reports that the second French aircraft carrier Clemenceau would leave for Lebanese waters shortly to provide support for French troops there.

"The Defence Ministry denies any forthcoming departure of the Clemenceau from Toulon," the ministry said in a communique.

France may send 2nd carrier to Lebanon

TOULON, France (R) — The French aircraft carrier Clemenceau has been put on alert and is expected to leave for Lebanese waters, informed military sources said Saturday.

The sources declined to say when the carrier would depart on what is expected to be a mission to provide support for French troops with the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Beirut.

The aircraft carrier Foch, equipped with Super Etendard strike aircraft and other warplanes, left

the military port of Toulon Friday and is expected to reach waters off Beirut early next week.

The sources said the Clemenceau would most likely be used as a helicopter carrier for French Pumas which would facilitate rotation of French troops with the multinational force if fresh soldiers are sent to the area.

They said the Foch, the Clemenceau and their escort ships would help keep the strategic corridor into Beirut open for supplies

S. Korea accuses Soviets of shooting down airliner

SEOUL (R) — South Korea Saturday charged the Soviet Union with staging "a show of strength" by shooting down a South Korean civilian airliner, as tens of thousands of Koreans held anti-Soviet demonstrations throughout the country.

Foreign Minister Lee Bum-Suk told a special session of parliament that Soviet interceptors had been ordered to shoot the Boeing 747 out of the sky.

He said the fighters gave no warning before destroying the airliner, with 269 people on board, off the Soviet island of Sakhalin on Thursday.

"It was a show of strength by the Soviet Union," he said. "The Soviet Union should take due responsibility as it did not issue any prior warning to the airliner, did not lead it to land, but shot down the civilian airliner."

President Reagan accused the Soviet Union of murdering the 269 people aboard a missing South Korea airliner as the Kremlin gave fresh indication that it was not prepared to apologise for the incident.

The United States says the Boeing 747 on a flight from New York to Seoul was brought down by a missile from a Soviet fighter.

The official Soviet News Agency TASS Saturday night issued a fresh attack on U.S. reaction, charging that Reagan was using the incident as a basis for an anti-Soviet campaign without answering Moscow's earlier question of what the plane was doing in Soviet air space.

Western diplomats in Moscow said that, by concentrating on casting suspicion on the aircraft's motives, TASS was in fact giving the clearest admission yet the plane was shot down.

TASS said Reagan was trying to convince public opinion that the Soviet Union was responsible for the human victims.

The Moscow-based diplomats said it was notable that the TASS report neither denied that the plane had been shot down nor gave further details of the incident, but gave justification for retaliation against a hostile intrusion into Soviet air space.

Mr. Reagan said in Washington Saturday after meeting U.S. arms control negotiator Paul Nitze that



His Majesty King Hussein meets with Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang Saturday in the Great Hall of the People. (A.P. wirephoto)

Badran on surprise visit to Baghdad

BAGHDAD (R) — Jordan's Prime Minister Mudar Badran arrived here Saturday on a surprise visit to Iraq, Iraqi diplomatic sources said.

They told Reuters Mr. Badran would confer with Iraqi officials on the Middle East situation, the Lebanese crisis and the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran, but could give no other details.

Jordan has supported Iraq in its three-year-old conflict with Iran and has been a major supply route for war supplies and other imports to Iraq since the war closed Iraq's

Gulf ports.

Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan visited Amman earlier this week with a message to King Hussein from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah was also stopping off briefly in Baghdad Saturday on his way back to Kuwait from a U.N. conference on Palestine in Geneva.

Foreign Ministry sources in Kuwait said Sheikh Sabah would brief President Hussein on efforts

by the Gulf states to reconcile Arab differences in advance of an Arab summit due to be held in Riyadh in November, and his talks last Sunday with President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus.

Late Saturday night Mr. Badran returned to Amman after delivering King Hussein's message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Mr. Badran also met Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan in his office. The two sides discussed current Arab issues and the fraternal relations between Jordan and Iraq.

Arab higher committee praises Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine (AHCPC) Saturday issued a statement of support for the Iraqi government and people and praised the successes of Iraq's armed forces in the fight against Iranian aggression.

The statement, marking the end of three years of the Gulf war, urged all Arabs to extend help to Iraq "which is fighting in defence of the whole Arab nation. All Arabs should give help to Iraq to enable it to end the war and to foil Iran's expansionist designs against the Arab nation," the statement said.

The statement also paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's policies and his support for Iraq against aggression. "King Hussein regards this assistance to Iraq as a national duty in conformity to and implementation of the principles of the Great Arab Revolt," the statement said.

The statement also appealed to the PLO's factions to unify their ranks and prevent any interference in their internal affairs.

The AHCPC also called on the Palestinians to confront all conspiracies and abort attempts aimed against the PLO's legitimate leadership.

Meanwhile it was announced in Baghdad Saturday that Iran has lost 288,000 men killed over the past three years and 22,000 vehicles destroyed as well as 159 naval targets hit. Also Iran lost hundreds of airplanes and hundreds of vehicles that were found serviceable, statement said.

It added that Iraqi helicopters have carried out 10,000 missions and helped the Iraqi forces achieve successes in all battles waged over the past three years of fighting. "All Iranian incursions into Iraqi territory proved a failure and many Iranian soldiers and civilians have defected to Iraq."

Israelis to begin redeployment in Lebanon

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli troops in Lebanon will begin redeploying behind a new defence line in "a very short time," military sources said Saturday.

The sources could not be more specific, but they said the army planned to complete the move within hours of the order being given.

The partial withdrawal to the Awali River north of Sidon will take the Israelis out of the Shouf mountains, where Christian and Druze militias are battling each other, and away from Beirut.

Palestinian group to hold talks with Arafat today

By a staff reporter

Aug. 15-Aug. 21. The memorandum which was drawn up last month, contained the principles for affecting a ceasefire between fighters and ending the propaganda campaign as a first and essential step to patch up differences and restore unity within the Fateh guerrilla group of the PLO, left Amman for Tunis Saturday for talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The mediation group, which was set up during the PLO Central Committee's last session held in Tunis between Aug. 3 and Aug. 7, is headed by the lawyer Ibrahim Baker.

Palestinian sources said Mr. Arafat and the 18-member group would discuss suggestions to heal the split contained in a memorandum it drew up last month.

The conciliation group met with other PLO groups in a series of meetings held between the period

Aug. 15-Aug. 21.

The memorandum was submitted to the chairman of the PLO Central Committee and to both factions within Fateh.

Mr. Arafat, who heads Fateh, was expelled from Syria on June 24 after accusing the Syrian government of backing rebels in the group seeking a harder political line towards Israel and a collective leadership. Syria has denied the charge.

Hussein, Hu hold talks

PEKING (R) — His Majesty King Hussein said Saturday that China has always "supported the Arab people's struggle and the struggle of the Palestinian people to restore their legitimate rights."

The statement was made during a one-hour meeting with Chinese Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang in the Great Hall of the People here.

The New China News Agency quoted Mr. Hu as praising the King's efforts to reach a solution to the Middle East problem.

Mr. Hu told King Hussein that Arabs should unite to solve the Middle East problem.

Mr. Hu told the King: "We hope that the Arab countries and people will close their ranks through mutual understanding and mutual accommodation to settle the Mideast question."

The King arrived in Peking on Thursday for a 10-day goodwill and sightseeing visit to China. It follows a visit he made last December as head of an Arab League delegation which presented a pan-Arab plan for peace in the Middle East.

China is a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause and has frequently urged Israel to withdraw to its pre-1967 borders.

Earlier Saturday King Hussein visited a People's Liberation Army camp where he saw a display of target shooting, mortar shelling and close-range combat.

On Friday he met Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang who agreed with him that the key to a Mideast settlement was an Israeli withdrawal from all territories it has occupied since 1967 and the restoration of Palestinian national rights.

On Sunday King Hussein will visit the Great Wall and have a private dinner with Mr. Zhao.

He leaves Peking on Monday for a provincial tour and departs on Sept. 10 for South Korea. Excerpts of the speech, King Hussein delivered on Friday, page 3

Gaza prison detainees revolt against Israeli authorities

AMMAN (Petra) — Arab detainees in Gaza prison Friday revolted against Israeli authorities for their ill treatment, and to support demands for better conditions.

Radio Israel was quoted as admitting that the revolt took place and said that large numbers of Israeli troops were sent in to subdue the detainees using tear gas.

The uprising was said to have started when one of the detainees beat another, thought to be a collaborator with the enemy, and the rest of the inmates joined in and later threw the collaborator out of the room.

The report said that the detainees removed the bars from the prison windows and clashed with the prison guards.

Jordanian exports drop

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's exports of national products dropped by 36.5 per cent in the first quarter of this year in comparison with the first quarter of 1982, according to a statistical bulletin issued by the Department of Statistics.

It said that in the first three months of 1983 Jordan exported products worth JD 34,511,000 in comparison with JD 54,370,000 in the same period last year.

According to the bulletin, Jordan's imports also dropped in the same period compared with that of 1982. Imports dropped by 3.8 per cent in the first three months of the year against figures of the same period in 1982.

The statement listed the following countries as main importers of Jordanian products: Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait, Romania, Bulgaria, India, Japan, Poland; and the following as exporters of products to Jordan: Saudi Arabia, West Germany, Japan, Britain, USA, Italy, France, Greece, Belgium, and Syria.

MIDDLE EAST

Habre's army reportedly beats back rebel attack

N'DJAMENA (R) — Chad's government says loyal troops have scored a major victory over Libyan-backed rebels in a battle in the northeast which broke a three-week lull in civil war fighting.

An army communique said Friday night that government forces repulsed a large rebel attack at Oum Chalouba, 640 kilometres from here, killing about 800 and capturing 600, mostly Sudanese. It said government troops captured eight vehicles mounted with anti-aircraft missiles, five batteries of ground-to-ground missiles and four 12.7mm heavy machine guns.

The troops loyal to President Hissene Habre also captured 16 big trucks loaded with ammunition and food, the communique said.

The government said earlier that about 3,000 Libyan-backed rebels twice attacked the garrison at Oum Chalouba Friday morning from the barren desert to the North.

It said they were last reported in full retreat 30 kilometres to the north with government forces in full pursuit.

If confirmed in scale, the battle would be the biggest since rebels took the northern town of Faya-Largeau on Aug. 10 and since France sent over 2,000 troops and eight warplanes to its former colony to help Mr. Habre.

Western diplomatic sources confirmed fighting had taken place but could not say how many rebels were involved. The army communique gave no figures for government casualties.

A French military spokesman denied French troops were involved and said none of its four Jaguar strike aircraft nor four Mirage escorts flew over the area during the battle.

A spokesman for rebel leader Goukouni Oueddei had said in Paris earlier that Jaguars had bombed rebel positions in Oum Chalouba during a "provocative attack" by Mr. Habre's forces.

The Habre government insisted during the lull that Libya was pouring large numbers of men and huge quantities of supplies into Faya-Largeau, and that rebel forces were pushing South and Southeast along the two roads which heavy artillery would have to use in a push on N'djamena from the inhospitable north.

The government has often alleged Libya was forcibly recruiting Africans working in northern Chad into the so-called "Islamic legion" with a view to swallowing Chad and then threatening neighbouring countries like Sudan. Oum Chalouba is the northernmost government garrison on a road running southeast from Faya-Largeau to Abeche. From there one of the better roads in Chad leads to N'djamena.



JUST IN CASE: U.S. Marines at the Charley Co. artillery battery "take data" on a 155mm artillery piece Thursday. The Marines get information from battalion HQ, then work out the elevation and distance for the grid location.

SPD demands active Mideast policy

BONN (DPA) — The Mideast expert of the opposition Social Democratic Party, Hans-Juergen Wischniewski, has called on Bonn Tuesday to be more active in Middle East peace efforts.

Mr. Wischniewski, just returned from a three-week tour in which he visited seven Arab countries including Jordan and Israel, told newsmen that Bonn could participate more actively in Mideast peace efforts by working more closely with France within the framework of the European Community.

He said he saw a danger in the present Christian-Liberal coalition government's increasingly concentrating only on economic

cooperation with Arab countries while largely refraining from political efforts.

Wischniewski said that many Arab countries welcomed U.S. peace efforts, but no longer viewed Washington as a "neutral partner" because it insufficiently exerted its influence on Israel.

With each passing day of Israeli occupation of Lebanon the U.S. was losing more respect in the Arab World, Wischniewski said. He also criticised the Israeli troop withdrawal agreement achieved under U.S. auspices as not having sufficiently considered Syrian security interests. Damascus would be prepared to play a positive role only when this fault is removed as

quickly as possible, he said.

The SPD Mideast expert also said a permanent peace arrangement was not possible without Soviet participation. He pointed to the close Soviet ties with Syria, Iraq, and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and said it was unrealistic to expect that lasting peace could come about without some kind of participation by Moscow.

He said Israel must pull out its troops from Lebanon, must set up no further settlements in the occupied areas, and must state its readiness to negotiate with the parties to the conflict in order for peace talks to take place.

At least 6 killed in Sind protest

KARACHI (R) — At least six people, five of them policemen, were killed by gunfire Saturday during a demonstration against martial law in Pakistan's troubled Sind Province, opposition sources said.

They said the six died in Moro, central Sind, after police tried in vain to disperse the crowd of demonstrators with teargas and baton charges.

The sources said it was not clear whether there were further casualties or how large the crowd was.

The southern province of Sind has been the centre of most violent protests since the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) launched a civil disobedience campaign on Aug. 14 against President Mohammad Zia ul Haq's army rule.

Moro is the home of Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, Sind president of the banned Pakistan People's party (PPP), the largest group in the eight-party MRD.

Mr. Jatoi, now under house ar-

rest outside Karachi, called for a "Jihad" (holy war) against the regime in a taped message released Friday.

"We do not want to go back until our Jihad (holy war) reaches its goal," he said on the tape. PPP members said it would be copied and played at protests across Pakistan.

He called on people to protest with burial cloths tied around their heads, a traditional sign that the person is ready to die for a cause.

24 earlier deaths
According to official sources, there had been 24 earlier deaths in the unrest. The MRD in Sind put the figure at 41.

As Saturday's protest was going on, the governor of Sind, Lt. Gen. S.M. Abbasi, told the provincial council in Karachi that a tour of the area Friday convinced him the demonstrations had lost their drive.

The government news agency APP said he told the council that the people were more interested in local problems than agitation.

At least 800 dissident lawyers, some dressed in mourning and carrying copies of the suspended 1973 constitution, demonstrated in at least four major cities demanding an end to martial law.

The largest rally was in Lahore, where more than 500 lawyers marched down a main street to the cheers of a large crowd. About 500 police, wearing helmets and steel-ribbed riot jackets, watched the peaceful march.

In Karachi, more than 100 lawyers squatted on a busy road for half-an-hour and offered funeral prayers for those who had died in the unrest.

In both Rawalpindi and Peshawar, meetings of about 100 lawyers passed resolutions demanding an end to martial law. The protests closed most courts in the four cities.

Shamir faces daunting task of leading ever-bickering coalition

By Daniel Grebler

Reuter

TEL AVIV — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who succeeded Menachem Begin as head of Israel's Herut Party, faces his first test in preserving the bickering government coalition of right-wing and religious parties.

It is questionable whether the new party leader, lacking the stature and electoral charisma of Mr. Begin, will succeed in holding the present government together.

Only a few desertions could break up the coalition, which has a shaky hold on 64 of the 120 Knesset (parliament) seats.

Speed for Shamir is essential. Mr. Begin, stepping down after six years in power, has said he will formally submit his resignation within days.

President Chaim Herzog will then have to decide whether Mr. Shamir or another parliamentarian — most likely opposition leader Shimon Peres — is best placed to form the new government.

To save time and avoid an outbreak of coalition feuding, both Mr. Shamir and his defeated opponent in the Herut election, deputy Prime Minister David Levy, announced in advance they would not change the present distribution of cabinet portfolios.

The Herut (freedom) Party, founded by Mr. Begin from among members of his Irgun military underground after the 1948 war, has been the core of the coalition.

Mr. Begin's Likud bloc, composed of Herut (24 seats), the centrist Liberal Party (18), the right-of-centre La'am faction (3) and one independent, came to power for the first time in 1977.

The Likud joined up with the National Religious Party (NRP), the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel and several splinter factions to form the coalition.

Apart from members of Mr. Begin's old Irgun fighting family, younger Israelis have also been drawn to Herut by Mr. Begin and his nationalist goal of expanding the Jewish state to the borders of what is described as the biblical land of Israel.

The liberals, representing independent businessmen who like Herut's free-market economic policies, were led into Likud by Mr. Begin's close confidant Simcha Ehrlich, who died in June.

Political columnists are doubtful whether the party will hold together now that both Mr. Ehrlich and Premier Begin have left the political scene.

Three liberals, including Knesset speaker Menachem Savidov and former Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman, want the opposition Labour Party to join a national unity government to overcome what they say are grave crises facing Israel.

Two other coalition supporters, Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigael Hurvitz of the late Moshe Dayan's Telom faction, have also backed the unity call.

The Agudat Israel Party, with four seats in the Knesset, has hinted it may demand that Mr. Shamir reconfirm the promises Mr. Begin made. Since there is scant chance Labour would be amenable to Agudat demands, the party seems certain to stay in the coalition.

The NRP faction
The other religious faction, the NRP, was the traditional partner of previous Labour governments. Its five parliamentarians have generally backed Begin policies but have occasionally broken coalition discipline.

The NRP education minister, Zevulun Hammer, has hinted he will push for a government that includes Labour.

At the same time, secret contacts between Labour and NRP politicians have been reported. The two parties could decide to renew their partnership.

Also in the coalition is the vocal, three-member ultra-nationalist T'hevia (Resurgence) party founded by Geula Cohen, a former Irgun member who broke with

Mr. Begin because of her opposition to the Camp David peace accords with Egypt. The coalition also counts on the support of Rabbi Chaim Druckman, an independent who left the NRP to form his own faction. Like T'hevia he is a "champion" of rapid Jewish settlement in the occupied Arab West Bank.

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Mintoff takes over ministry

VALLETTA (R) — In a major reshuffle in Malta Prime Minister Dom Mintoff has again taken over the ministry of the interior, which controls the army and the police, and given new jobs to all but three ministers.

Tourism Minister Reno Calleja resigned in the overnight reshuffle, while Minister for Foreign Affairs Alex Sciberras Trigona retained his post.

Turkish premier to start Malaysian trip Monday

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu begins a four-day official visit to Malaysia on Monday to promote trade, economic and political ties between the two countries, a Turkish embassy official said Saturday.

Mr. Ulusu will arrive at the head of a 15-member delegation that will include Commerce Minister Kemal Canturk and senior officials, he added.

The Turkish leader's talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mah-

athir Mohammad would centre on improving trade and economic relations.

At present the two countries have only a small volume of trade. Last year, Turkey imported Malaysian rubber, palm oil and other goods valued at about 50 million ringgits (\$21.7 million), but its exports to Malaysia totalled only five million ringgits (\$2.1 million).

During Mr. Ulusu's visit, the first by a Turkish prime minister to Malaysia, a shipping agreement providing a direct sea link between the national shipping lines of the two countries as well as a cultural exchange and cooperation agreement would be signed.

Malaysia and Turkey, both members of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC), have already signed cultural, trade, technical cooperation and air services agreements.

The official said a seven-member Turkish private sector delegation, led by the Turkish national chamber of commerce and industry chairman, Melawat

Yazar, would visit Malaysia in conjunction with Mr. Ulusu's visit.

Turkey lifts ban
ANKARA (R) — A right-wing Turkish newspaper, Tercuman, reappeared on the streets Saturday after military authorities lifted a ban on publication imposed on Aug. 10.

On Aug. 26 the authorities lifted bans imposed earlier in the month on the mass-circulation liberal-conservative daily Milliyet and the weekly political magazine Nokta.

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Spanish Cultural Centre	24049
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MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 10th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munazzah, Jabal Lweideh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Amman, Tel. 24590.

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic): Jabal Lweideh, 37440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Hussein, 661757.

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox): Abdallah, 23541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer): Jabal Amman, 41559.

Armenian Catholic Church: Ashrafieh, 71231.

Armenian Orthodox Church: Ashrafieh, 75261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox): Ashrafieh, 71751.

Arman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeinat, 663249.

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Belgian franc	68.2/ 68.6
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Egyptian pound	327.5/ 331.8
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Iranian dir	421.6/ 426.6

THE NEWS

King lauds Chinese friendship

PEKING (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said here Friday evening at a dinner in his honour that the Arabs look to the People's Republic of China as a major world power which has made great strides in social, economic and scientific fields.

"The Arabs also look to China and appreciate its stand as a peace-loving nation and as a supporter of Arab rights, the King added.

The following are excerpts from the King's speech: The Queen and myself along with the Jordanian delegation are deeply moved by the hospitality and friendly atmosphere and the very warm welcome accorded to us in China. We have been overwhelmed by the sincere friendship of your people and the beauty of your country. The Jordanian people cherishes the friendship of the Chinese people and looks with pride and respect to your achievements and hopes to pursue with the Chinese people further cooperation aimed at achieving greater progress and prosperity.

I still remember my first visit to your country when I headed a seven-member Arab League delegation to explain the Fez Summit's peace plan. I still remember and appreciate your total support for our cause and your understanding of our position.

My mission today is, in part, aimed at calling for your support for justice and peace in Palestine, in Lebanon and the whole Middle East region.

As you know the Arab Nation has been from the start seeking to restore its people's rights and to achieve peace in the area. Palestinian people have been suffering from occupation and displacement for tens of years, and Israel still occupies Palestinian land and continues to evict more Palestinians and to deny them

rights in their land and homes, farms and holy places.

The Israelis are forcing the Palestinians to abandon their land which has been the home of their fathers and forefathers for thousands of years, and is continuing to deny the Palestinians their natural and legitimate rights to determine their future on their soil, in violation of all moral principles and international laws.

In trying to achieve its ambitions, Israel is expanding at the expense of Arab land and building settlements on confiscated Arab territory and continues to present the world with baseless and false historical and security pretexts for the continuation of such a state of affairs.

Israel's arbitrary measures against the people of Palestine and its practices and violations of holy places in Jerusalem and Hebron are unprecedented in the history of aggression and colonialism.

The Palestine tragedy, the sufferings and struggle of the Palestinian people in addition to those of Lebanon and the war of genocide against the Sabra and Shatila camps all call on the peace-loving nations of the world to act immediately to stop the aggression and repel the perpetrators. The Palestine problem is the crux of the Middle East conflict. If this problem is allowed to remain unresolved, world peace and security will be endangered.

Jordan deeply appreciates China's support for Arab rights in Palestine and Lebanon and its condemnation of aggression. This only enhances our faith in China as a major world power in international politics that can put an end to aggression and support the rights of all peoples of the world.

Our second visit to China reflects Jordan's deep faith in fruitful cooperation with your country and the will and power of both of

our peoples to achieve further progress and cooperation in economic, technical, cultural and trade fields.

The constant growth in cooperation calls for greater efforts to enhance bilateral ties and establish them on firm foundations based on confidence and mutual interest and respect.

Jordan looks to China as a leading Third World nation and a major developing country that serves as an example to the rest of the Third World. We take pride in China which strives to establish world peace and security and seeks to contribute towards greater progress and prosperity for mankind.

President Li Xianmin made a speech at the outset of the banquet in which he expressed his country's interest and great desire to develop economic cooperation with Jordan, and voiced satisfaction with the commercial cooperation that has existed between the two countries over the past few years and the growth in the volume of trade exchanged between them.

He said: "Our cooperation is being conducted in a spirit of equality, mutual benefit and common interest."

The president also condemned Israel's aggressive and expansionist policies in the Middle East. He also deplored current Israeli plans for building settlements in the occupied Arab territories and its eviction of the Palestinians from their homeland.

China, he said, denounces Israel's measures and practices against the Palestinian and Lebanese people and its continued acts of aggression in the Arab World, and supports the struggle of the Palestinian and Lebanese people for the restoration of their rights and lands.

Jordanian products praised at fair

DAMASCUS (Petra) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Ra'ouf Al Kasem Saturday visited Jordan's pavilion at the International Damascus Fair which opened on August 22.

Dr. Al Kasem, who was accompanied by the Syrian industry and trade minister and other Syrian officials, met the Jordanian

Ambassador to Damascus Hussein Hamameh and toured the various sections of the pavilion inspecting Jordanian products on display. After the visit, he expressed his admiration for the high quality of Jordan's industries.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Dr. Al

Kasem expressed his pleasure at the visit and said that the products reflected Jordan's speedy industrial progress.

The development of Jordan's industry will contribute to the development of Arab industries and Arab economic integration, Dr. Al Kasem added.

Seminar on underground storage begins

By Anne Counsell
Special to the Jordan Times

Minister of Industry and Trade, Walid Asfour Saturday deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan in opening the second Arab seminar on "Underground Storage" currently being held at the University of Jordan. The seminar has been organised by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Natural Resources Authority and the Union of Jordanian Geologists in cooperation with the Hagconsult of Sweden and the Arab Geologists Association, with the aim of developing and exchanging technology between the countries.

Attending the seminar are geologists, geoconsultants, engineers and other participants from Sweden, France, Japan, Germany, Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi. The eight-day seminar consisted of a series of lectures and discussions covering all aspects of underground storage including construction techniques, hydrocarbon storage, conservation of natural gas, underground shelters, transportation systems and military installations.

For reasons of security, environment protection and space, an increasing number of facilities for industrial manufacture, archives and civil defence purposes are now being constructed underground. Also with soaring land prices, underground facilities sited beneath the existing surface development have become an economic necessity. Sweden has used rock caverns for the storage of crude oil since 1938 and has developed advanced techniques in blasting, underground design and construction and they have traditionally held a leading position in the fields of underground space development.

Crude oil caverns normally have a width of about 20 metres

and a height of about 30 metres and can extend in length over a distance of several hundred metres depending on the rock and its properties. Reinforcement is effected from within — in the cavern using bolts and shotcrete to maintain the stability of the structure. Great emphasis is placed on safety with consultation between designers, engineers and geologists.

Since the first Arab seminar on underground storage held in Baghdad in 1979, there have been many developments and advances in technology in this field. The Japanese are now utilising computers for observational data analysis and the Swedes are developing vast caverns for the storage of thermal energy.

Some Organisation for Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) members have con-

structed underground storage plants for liquid and gaseous fuels which not only ensures greater safety but also preserves the environment. With more emphasis being placed on ecology, especially in Europe and the west, hydroelectric plants, operational centres, railways and water tunnels, engineering workshops, sewage treatment plants, civil defence systems, food storage depots and mining operations are being constructed underground as a cost-effective venture.

Dr. Wissam Al Hashimi, chairman of the Arab Geologists Association and member of the Seminar Organising Committee, told the Jordan Times that the geology of Jordan is favourable to the development of underground systems due to the variety of resistant rocks.

Iraqi oil to go via Aqaba

AMMAN (J.T.) — A report in the local newspaper Sawt Al Shaab said Saturday that the Iraqi government has recently concluded an agreement with a West German firm to transport 140,000 barrels of fuel a day from Iraqi oilfields to Aqaba.

The fuel oil will be transported by trucks along the highway linking Jordan with Iraq, and the fuel will be shipped by tanker from Aqaba to purchasing countries, the report said.

It added that the German firm obtained credit guarantees for the project via Jordanian commercial banks.

Loan agreement to follow talks

Jordan, China agree to develop trade relations

PEKING (Petra) — Jordan and China have agreed to develop further their economic and trade relations and have decided to set up a special joint committee to follow up studies and implement agreements to achieve that goal.

Agreement in this respect came in talks conducted by a Jordanian team and Chinese officials in Peking.

The Jordanian team, led by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, discussed with the Chinese cooperation in technical affairs and the potential for increasing economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. In 1984, China's imports of Jordanian potash, fertilisers and phosphates will at least hit the 1983 level and the Chinese will try to increase these imports over the coming year, according to an agreement reached in the talks.

Also China will offer Jordan an interest-free loan to help it carry out its development projects. The final size of the loan will be discussed and made available in an agreement between the two sides, at a later date in light of Jordan's priorities, a statement said after the talks.

President of the National Planning Council Dr. Hanna Odeh is also a member of the Jordanian team which is accompanying King Hussein on his current visit to China.

Aviation team named

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has chosen Jordan's delegation to take part in the meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) scheduled to open in Canada on Sept. 20 which will be led by Elias Aghabi, acting director of the Civil Aviation Authority. The Cabinet also decided to participate in the meeting of Arab Maritime Academy scheduled to open in Bahrain on Sept. 25 with Mr. Ghalib Hanoun as its representative.

Biology tuition committee convenes

AMMAN (Petra) — A committee, formed by the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS), opened a three-day meeting here Saturday to discuss subjects connected with the role of biology in developing health education and applying biological information in industry and agriculture.

Yarmouk University president Adnan Badran made a speech at

the first session held at the university's liaison office in which he welcomed the participants and expressed hope that their meetings will yield fruitful results.

The committee comprises of 25 members representing 25 countries from around the world, including Jordan.

The delegates will review working papers dealing with biological affairs, the teaching bio-

logy in school and the development of health education. Also taking part in the meetings are representatives from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Asian Union of Biology Teachers, and the Federation of Biologists in the Arab Common Market.

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A word of advice

ISRAELI FOREIGN Minister Yitzhak Shamir was Friday selected as leader of Israel's Herut Party, thus boosting his chances of succeeding Menachem Begin as prime minister. Whether or not Shamir will actually succeed in holding together Begin's coalition partners under his leadership is yet to be seen, but it seems that he would be able to, if only for the lack of better political arrangements in Israel at the present.

Even the most optimistic observers cannot foresee a real change in Israel's headline policies towards the occupied Arab territories, and the question of peace in the Middle East generally, after Shamir assumes the premiership — if he does that is. And he is not likely to benefit from the experience of his mentor and predecessor either.

Moments after he won the Herut leadership, Shamir was quoted as telling supporters that he will never waver in his total support for building more Jewish settlements on the West Bank nor in his absolute commitment to the aims of "Eretz Israel" meaning he will never give up Israel's territorial ambitions and expansionism at the expense of the Arabs. Only yesterday, Shamir told a West German newspaper that his top priority remains that of strengthening the Israeli army as the only way to make peace with the Arabs.

Some other observers, however, like to indicate to the Israeli foreign minister that he might not be as much feared by the Arabs as Begin — even though Shamir's history as a terrorist leader could all too easily overshadow Begin's; as a member of the notorious Stern Gang during the days of the British mandate in Palestine, Shamir was part of a group that broke with the Irgun Zvai Leumi, which was eventually headed by Begin, simply because the Irgun was not, in the group's view, terrorist enough, according to Jewish historians.

These observers, who are not necessarily Middle Easterners, point to Begin's anti-Arab "achievements" as if they could not be matched by his successor: The bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad; two invasions of Lebanon; the annexation of the Golan Heights; the hawkish West Bank settlement policy, and last but not least the success of Begin in signing the Camp David Accords with Egypt by which Israel managed to "rob" the Arab World of its traditional leader. What the observers, and others for that matter, forget or ignore is the fact that the outgoing Israeli prime minister's so-called achievements are nothing but failures that have eventually sapped all of his energy and taken the area farther away from peace than ever — the act of peace, that is almost totally non-existent, and Israel's Lebanese quagmire, being the finest examples.

A word of advice for Mr. Shamir, if he would take it: Be yourself, follow the Begin line, and everybody else will expect disasters.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: China firmly committed

SPEECHES EXCHANGED by His Majesty King Hussein and the Chinese president in Peking reveal an identity of views between China and Jordan concerning the Palestine problem. Both sides consider the Palestine problem as the crux of the Middle East crisis and they believe that unless the Palestinian people are allowed to exercise their own right to self-determination, there can be no real peace in the region. This convergence of views has significant importance since it reflects a new interest and concern by a major world power and a permanent U.N. Security Council member in the establishment of a just and durable Middle East peace. This stand is in stark contrast to the European nations which sent observers to the U.N. Palestine Conference without actively taking part in it — something which reflects their limited interest in the restoration of the Palestinian people's rights.

The Chinese have been and still are firmly committed to their declared stand in support of the Arab Nation's just causes, particularly Palestine. The talks in Peking reflect Jordan's deep interest in helping to achieve peace, and Jordan's participation in the Geneva conference on Palestine reflects that interest on a wider canvas. Jordan has turned to its friends and the peace-loving nations for assistance in bringing peace to the Middle East region and in order to regain for the Palestinians their rights in their homeland.

Al Dustour: Same ideology predominates

ISRAEL'S HERUT Party has elected Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to succeed Begin as prime minister and leader of the party. Shamir is a carbon copy of his predecessor and is intent on implementing Begin's programme, especially with concern to the Israeli-occupied Arab land. Shamir was quick to announce after his election that he will expand and increase Israeli settlements on Arab territory and the Arabs have now to face the crimes of a new terrorist that has come to power in Israel. In fact that Herut Party is well known for its deep hostility towards the Arabs and the election of Shamir further confirms this reality. Shamir's rival David Levy is also one of the Herut Party's leading figures and of course shares the same ideology and hostility towards the Arabs as Begin did. Their rivalry was for power and represented no policy differences.

As long as the Zionists cling to the occupied Arab lands, things will not change for the better and successive prime ministers in Israel will execute substantively similar policies which will only succeed in leading Israel and the whole region to further disaster and tragedy.

Sawt Al Shaab: Israel's new demands

IN THE midst of a tense situation in Lebanon and amidst an atmosphere of war and armed conflict between the various factions in the country, Israel has invented a new scheme intended further to complicate the situation in Lebanon and perpetuate the conflict. Israel has told the Lebanese government of its conditions for the Lebanese army to deploy itself in the Shouf mountains around Beirut. Its army chief of staff said in a statement Friday that the Lebanese army will be allowed into the regions from which Israeli forces will withdraw only if an agreement between the two sides can be drawn up in advance. Israel is thus trying to obtain an even higher price from Lebanon through the use of coercion and by putting pressure on its government in exchange for the partial withdrawal.

COME TO THINK OF IT

Arafat caught out on a limb

By Ibrahim Abu Nab

MOST PEOPLE in the Middle East thought that the hottest thing in the news last week was Menachem Begin's intended resignation. The man, in fact, played for effect and made his intended resignation look like a cosmic cataclysm falling from heavens on the heads of the poor human supplicants who appealed to his lordship not to let Israel down.

While Begin sat in a sphinx-like silence listening to their appeals for hours without uttering a word, many of them left the meeting in tears saying that the Lord had not had mercy on them yet.

By an ironic contrast, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat was in a completely different posture. He had just received the PLO's Reconciliation Commission's report which asked him in effect to step down or at least to scale down.

And I am supremely surprised that the commission's report which was published in Amman and Kuwait had not been much noticed as it did. Come to think of it, the report may have much more far reaching effects than the Begin act.

The 18-member Reconciliation Commission, headed by a prominent Palestinian-Jordanian lawyer Ibrahim Bakr, had actually served notice on Arafat to give way to a new caretaker Fateh leadership which would hold elections for a new leadership.

The commission said it was convinced that the grave internal situation in the PLO, particularly in Fateh, required drastic measures in order to regain confidence and credibility.

The commission was set up early in July by the Palestine Central Council in Tunis and mandated to investigate in the ranks of the PLO and make recommendations which would be considered binding to all, particularly the two warring factions in Fateh. After listening to affidavits by the Fateh Central Committee in Tunis, the commission travelled to Damascus and interviewed the dissidents as well as Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. Its report, dated Aug. 21, gave both sides of Fateh one month to respond.

In all probability the reaction will be cataclysmic no matter how it comes. For besides the proposed caretaker leadership which would take charge of all military, financial, informational and organisational matters, the PLO leadership was asked to abide by rules of the democratic process and collective leadership as well as to issue a political statement reaffirming its adherence to the armed struggle and to renounce all American-sponsored projects for a political settlement in the Middle East.

This is a complete swing to radical views if there were one, and Mr. Arafat is caught out on a limb. It is in fact what the moderates had been warning the U.S. against for some time. The commission, not all of whose members are radicals, would have found it hard to act or recommend otherwise. The policies of Mr. Arafat had only produced no results, but also riddled the PLO with the so-called transgressions, financial and otherwise.

The commission may have had to lean more against Mr. Arafat than originally intended not only in order to gain the confidence of the dissidents and make the ceasefire in the Bekaa viable, but also because of Mr. Arafat's break of promises he had made to the commission. He had been asked to stop the war of words against Syria and to stop soliciting Arab and foreign intervention.

But no sooner the commission had left for Damascus than Arafat left for Yemen. Kuwait and Iraq where he continued the propaganda pressure against Syria and sought intercession by the two Yemens. Mr. Arafat apparently refuses to believe that the problem is internal and does not have much to do with external influences. In this respect, Mr. Arafat presents a contrary belief to what many Palestinians think. While he said last week he had not completely lost confidence in the international will, many Palestinians endorsed the opposite.

Needless to say, observers are eager to know what and how Mr. Arafat will respond to the Reconciliation Commission's report. But whatever his response is, the effects are unlikely to be easy.

Will the Madrid CSCE finale meeting convene?

By Brian Mooney
Reuter

MADRID — After three years of hard talking at the European Security Conference, foreign ministers gather this week for a finale that could help revive East-West détente.

The Madrid meeting will bring together up to 35 foreign ministers — including the Soviet Union's Andrei Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz for their first discussions in nearly 12 months.

It will be the largest such encounter since national leaders from East and West joined in signing the Helsinki Agreements — a European code of good-neighbourly conduct — eight years ago.

The foreign ministers will endorse an updated version of the 1975 accords agreed in often bitter bargaining at the third Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

The agreement covers human rights, security and other East-West issues and is the first between the two power blocs since U.S.-Soviet relations soured over Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan in 1979.

It is also the first broad policy agreement involving the Soviet Union and the Reagan administration.

Diplomats who put the new accord together in closed-door meetings in Madrid since late 1980 say the three-day end-

orsement session starting next Wednesday is likely to produce conflicting signals on the prospects for détente.

This is the first Helsinki-type follow-up conference where Eastern, Western, neutral and non-aligned governments have been able to paper over their differences. They failed to agree on a final document at their last conference in Belgrade in 1978.

The agreement is seen as a milestone towards improved East-West relations, together with a recent U.S.-Soviet grain deal, plans for further disarmament talks, and hints of a resumption of American-Soviet cultural and scientific cooperation.

"When you think that East and West were not even talking to each other in Madrid for most of last year because of martial law in Poland, then it is clear that the situation has improved," a senior neutral diplomat said.

American and other Western officials, however, say they are anxious to resist the temptation of euphoria.

"It is definitely premature to talk in terms of a new beginning in détente," a U.S. diplomat commented.

G.M.R. Shultz and other U.S. officials are expected to use the meeting to hammer home their argument that détente agreements like the Madrid document are meaningless if not respected.

Western governments have argued since the Helsinki agreements that Communist nations

have systematically flouted provisions on human rights.

"The Western speeches here are likely to be pretty tough. The message will be that we have had agreements before and this time we want deeds," a West European diplomat said.

Western speakers intend to stress sections of the 35-page Madrid document that include new undertakings on trade union and religious freedom and on easing emigration.

The document also includes agreement on holding two follow-up meetings on human rights and family reunification.

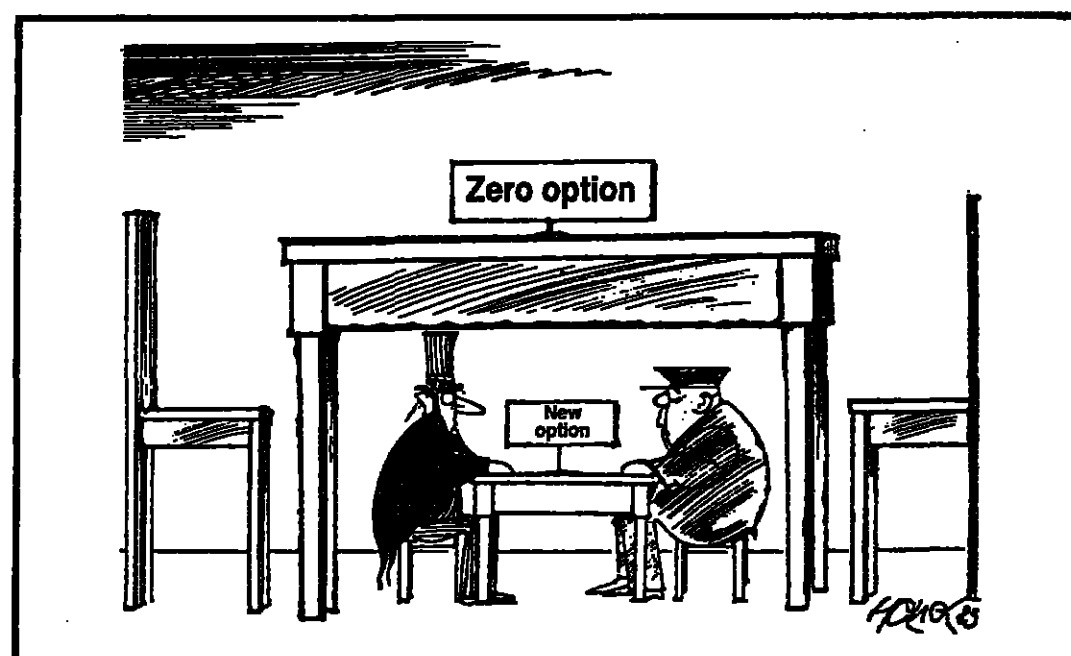
Moscow and its allies are certain to focus attention mainly on the security elements of the document, particularly an agreement to begin All-European Disarmament Talks in Stockholm next January.

East and West have found themselves working together to prepare for the foreign ministers' gathering because of a refusal by Malta to endorse the agreement, which under CSCE rules requires the consensus of all participants.

The meeting includes 33 European states — all except Albania — as well as the U.S. and Canada.

The Soviet Union has joined the West in putting pressure on Malta to abandon demands for a separate conference on Mediterranean security which all other countries here say is unnecessary and could raise extraneous issues.

Because of the Maltese stand, other governments circumvented the consensus rule by calling for-



ministries to endorse rather than formally adopt the final document.

If Malta persists, the ministers will be unable technically to call this week's session a CSCE meeting.

Diplomats described the co-incidence of Soviet and Western interests as an artificial entente and predicted it would not hold once the foreign ministers assemble.

Nevertheless, they think the fact that a top-level East-West meeting is taking place is in itself a hopeful sign.

This assessment has heightened speculation that Mr. Shultz and Mr. Gromyko may discuss a possible summit meeting between Mr. Reagan and Soviet President Yuri Andropov.

The two foreign ministers are provisionally due to meet for lunch on Thursday.

The encounter will be one of a series of bilateral contacts made possible by the presence of so many ministers. Each of them will address the conference for 20 minutes.

Foreign Minister Fernando Moran of Spain, hosting his coun-

try's grandest diplomatic event since before the 1936-39 Spanish civil war, will confer with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on the disputed colony of Gibraltar.

Greece and Turkey may also hold talks on their troubled relations and the future of Cyprus, diplomats said.

West Germany's Hans-Dietrich Genscher and France's Claude Cheysson are expected to set up a busy programme of talks with other foreign ministers. The Vatican and Poland will also be able to renew contact.



New racist step cooking on the Zionist stove

TEL AVIV — The Israeli government is facing stiff opposition to its efforts to legislate new welfare benefits which would go to Jews but not to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens.

Although the sums involved are tiny, the left-wing opposition in parliament has seized on the issue, as it smacks of racism. The leftists, who include two Arab deputies, have put up spirited resistance and managed to delay passage of the bill.

The so-called "children-endowed families law" would give every child in a family of four or more offspring 1,000 shekels (\$161 a year to buy schoolbooks, plus discounts on tickets for cultural events — as long as at least one family member has served in the armed forces or other state security agencies.

Since most of Israel's 600,000

Arabs are not drafted because they are seen as security risks, they would not receive the benefits. The only Arabs who serve in the army are men of the 45,000-member Druze community and a few bedouins.

Supporters of the law say it is meant to step up the Jewish birthrate in a race against the Arabs who, according to official statistics, reproduce at double the Jewish rate. The supporters contend that Jews, as a people, have the moral right to make up for population lost in the Nazi holocaust and subsequent wars against the Arabs.

Arabs make up only 14 percent of Israel's 4.2 million citizens, but they are 43 percent of the country's 117,000 families with four children or more. The one million Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are not affected, since they

are not Israeli citizens.

Yaron London, a columnist for the weekly *Ha'ir*, says such laws would turn Israel into "an apartheid state." *The Jerusalem Post*, a constant critic of official policy, says "the outcome will make a mockery of Israel's claim to treat all its citizens regardless of religion or race."

Israeli Arabs have long suffered from second class status, even though they have the vote.

Israelis often argue they have made substantial efforts to raise the Arabs' status and treat them as equals. Still, this society regards its Jewishness as its supreme value, and by definition Arabs are outside that set of values.

And critics of the new law claim it is the first in Israel's 35 years of statehood that so bluntly favours Jews over Arabs.

Geula Cohen, a member of par-

liament whose nationalist Tehiya party belongs to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's coalition, says she supports the principle that those who serve in the army should get more state aid than those who do not.

But even Mrs. Cohen is lukewarm about the law. She says she would rather oblige Israeli Arabs to perform "national service" by working in hospitals, auxiliary security services and schools. "Then these Arabs would be entitled to the same benefits as Jews," she said in an interview. "The principle should be equal benefits for equal service."

Ya'ir Tsaban, a leftist member of parliament whose two days of filibustering blocked passage of the law-through committee, says the sums or money are so small that they are not worth all the fuss.

"If anyone thinks these meagre

sums are going to encourage anyone to have more children, he's an idiot," Mr. Tsaban said in an interview.

He argued that Israel should give more money to Arabs in order to raise their living standards. "Westernise" them and draw them into having smaller families.

The Arabs themselves bitterly oppose the measure. Two Arab members of Parliament appealed to the Supreme Court against the law, pointing out that it should also apply to Jewish Yeshiva (seminary) students since they too are exempt from military service.

Religious Jews, who are powerfully represented in the ruling coalition, tend to have large families, but the Attorney General, Yitzhak Zamir, admitted in court that the appellants had a point.

On the other hand, the law was

tailored to suit Tami, a small ethnic faction on which Mr. Begin's coalition depends for its parliamentary majority. Tami's constituency includes many of Israel's large families, and it has made passage of the law a condition for staying in the cabinet.

The government is clearly in a bind. Mr. Tsaban says he met with Begin to talk about the law, and got the impression that the prime minister himself was uncomfortable with it but unable to withstand the pressure from Tami and other right-wingers in the coalition.

One sign of the government's hesitations came this week. The Knesset (Parliament) was to hold a special session to approve the law, but at the last minute the government got a postponement and set no new date for the session. No explanation was given. — AP

11 architectural projects named for the Aga Khan Award

The Aga Khan Award for Architecture has named 11 outstanding architectural projects throughout the Muslim world to share \$500,000 in prizes. The 1983 awards will be presented by The Aga Khan and President Evren of Turkey in a special ceremony at the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul on Sept. 4th, 1983.

Established in 1976 by The Aga Khan, the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the largest architectural prize in the world, seeks to heighten awareness of Islamic culture while encouraging

architecture appropriate to the twentieth century. In addition to the triennial prize, the Award organises a number of programmes including international seminars and publications. It is unlike conventional design competitions in that it places great value on the social, cultural, environmental and economic aspects of building.

The 1983 winners range from a mud mosque to a modern airport terminal, on one hand honouring the traditional craftsmanship of the master builder and local community involvement in the Niono

Mosque in Mali to the imaginative use of high technology of the twentieth century adopted by the Hajj Terminal at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

The Award's nine-member international Master Jury has also named Sherefudin's White Mosque in Visoko, Yugoslavia, for a design skillfully combining traditional and modern architectural elements, citing its potential for contributing to a changing architectural heritage.

Two very different housing projects have also been premiated: A

low-income housing scheme reconstructed from the debris of a destroyed slum quarter in the Medina of Tunis in Tunisia and the private Nail Cakirhan Residence in Akyaka Village in Turkey, cited for its use of space and its revival of traditional craftsmanship of the area.

Tourism projects also feature among recipients of the 1983 Aga Khan Award. The Tanjong Jara Beach Hotel Rantau Abang Visitor's Centre in Kuala Trengganu, Malaysia was cited as an architectural experience which has encouraged pride in the cultural tradition and awareness of the natural resources of the area. In Sousse, Tunisia, the Residence Andalous was chosen by the Jury for its contemporary expression of traditional Tunisian architecture in designing a large complex consisting of a luxury hotel, an apartment hotel and various recreational facilities.

The Ramses Wissa Wassef Arts Centre in Giza, Egypt, was cited as an institution emerging from a successful experiment to preserve and develop the role of craftsmanship in contemporary life.

In keeping with another of Award's concerns, the preservation of historic Islamic monuments, the Master Jury has also named three outstanding res-

toration projects: The Tomb of Shah Rukn-i-'Alam in Multan, Pakistan; the Darb Oimz Quarter in Cairo, and the Azem Palace in Damascus, Syria.

The first Aga Khan Awards for Architecture were presented in 1980 in Lahore, Pakistan to 15 projects throughout the Muslim world, from Senegal to Indonesia.

His Highness The Aga Khan, Imam of the Ismaili Muslim, established the Aga Khan Awards Foundation in 1976 to encourage exceptional achievements in the arts and sciences. Architecture was chosen as the first broad area of concern.

The Aga Khan Award for Architecture seeks to recognise projects which demonstrate architectural excellence. Up to U.S. \$500,000 in prizes is given every three years, making it the most prestigious architectural award in the world. The aim of the Award is to nurture within the architectural profession and related disciplines a heightened awareness of Islamic culture while encouraging an architecture appropriate to the 20th century. Through the Awards themselves and through activities such as seminars and publications, the Award programme seeks to identify contemporary design problems and suggest possible

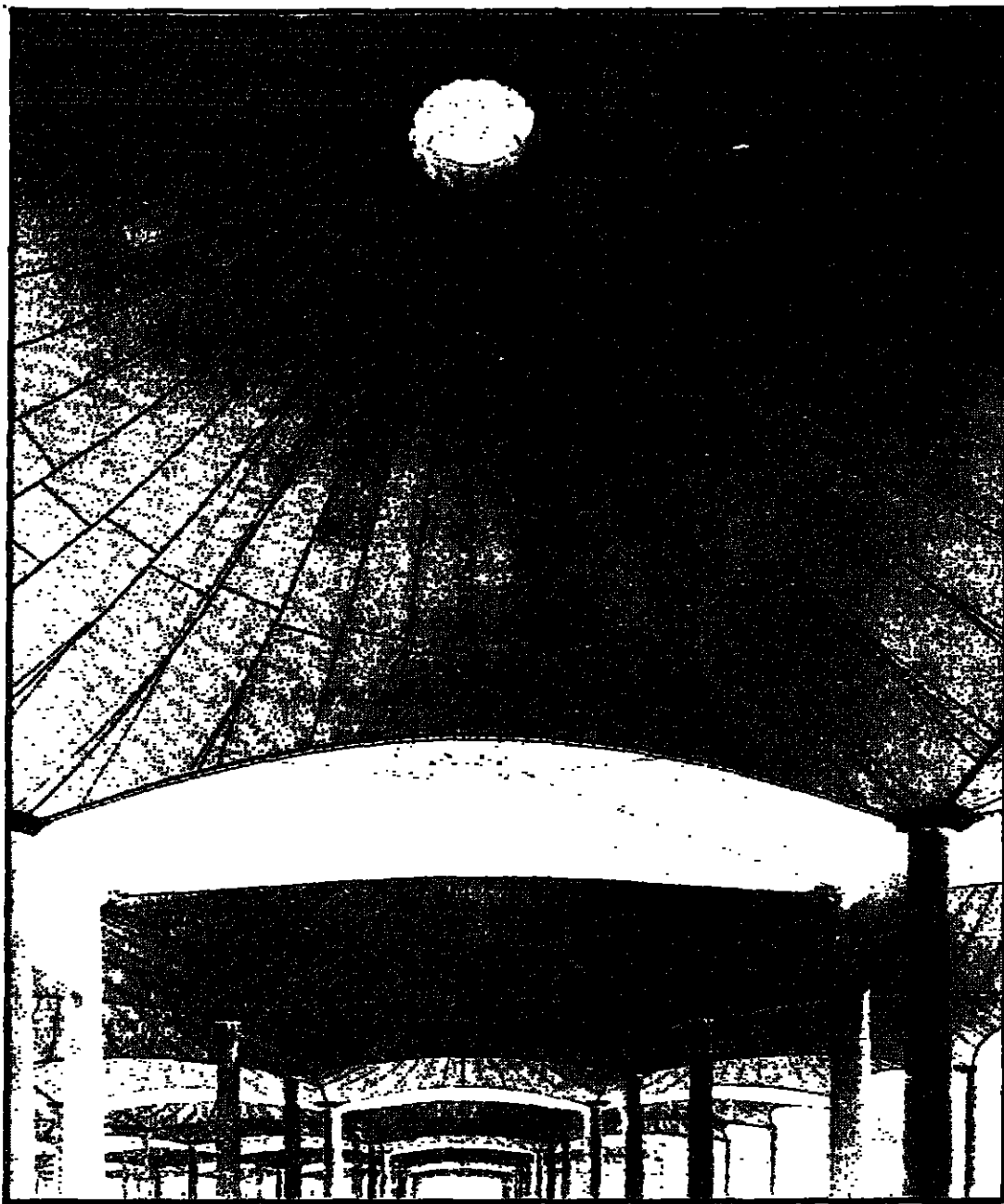
solutions. The continuing aim of the Award is not to create a school of architecture or an ideology, but to heighten the awareness within the Islamic world of its own architectural excellence and potential.

The first awards were given at the end of the first three-year cycle in Oct. 1980, at a ceremony in the Shalimar Gardens in Lahore, Pakistan. The prize fund was shared among 15 projects located in 12 Muslim countries from Senegal to Indonesia, and ranging from private homes and housing

projects to hotels and museums. The prizes were given in recognition of all those who contributed to the winning projects and included architects, government sponsors, a master mason, and an entire village. A special Chairman's Award was presented to the Egyptian architect Dr. Hassan Fathy for his lifetime commitment.

The Award programme is a continuing process of study, research, discussion and the dissemination of ideas and criteria, particularly through seminars and pub-

lications. An integral part of the Award process has been a series of international seminars convened throughout the Muslim world which seek to identify specific aspects of Islamic architecture and their application to the contemporary Muslim world. Participants have been drawn from all regions of the world and have included architects, government officials, scholars, planners, designers and social scientists. Each seminar has been complemented by site visits to illustrate and develop the theme of the discussions.

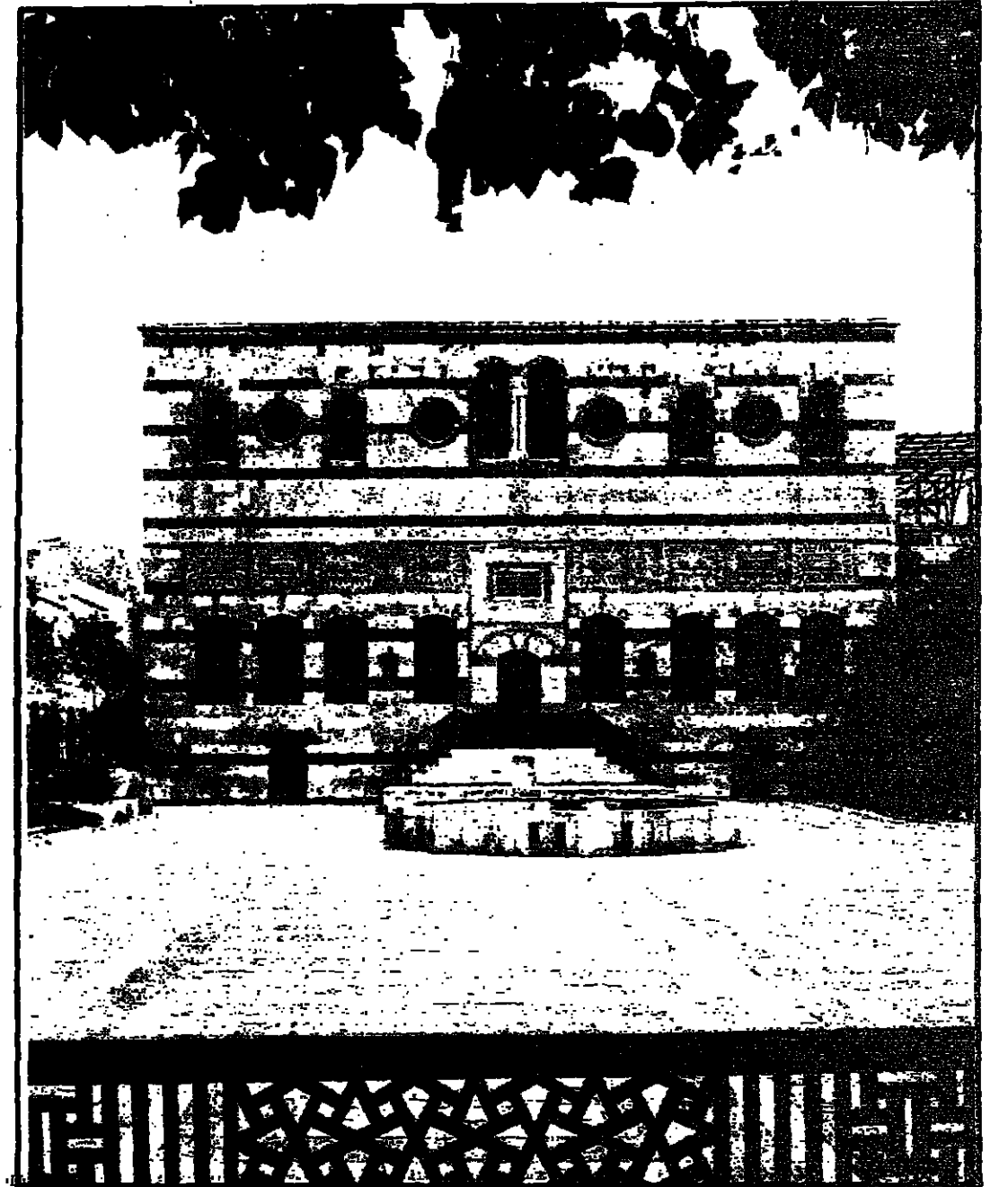


JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — The structure of the Hajj Terminal, winner of 1983 award. Cited for imaginative use of the high technology of the 20th

century, the design will serve as a source of inspiration for generations of designers in the Muslim World.



CAIRO, Egypt — The revitalisation of the Darb Oimz, winner of the 1983 Aga Khan Award for Architecture. Envisioned as the first step in rehabilitating an ancient quarter of the city. This ambitious scheme has employed the finest masons, plasterers and carpenters in Cairo.



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SPORTS

West Ham take over top spot in English League

LONDON (R) — Unfashionable Notts County's brief reign as English first division top dogs came to an end on Saturday when they lost 2-0 at home to Ipswich.

The new leaders are West Ham, who after three games of the season, are the only side in the division to boast a 100 per cent record. They beat troubled neighbours Tottenham 2-0 away.

Arsenal and former European Champions Aston Villa, the other two clubs to have collected a maximum six points from their opening two outings of the season, also tasted defeat for the first time.

Arsenal's new signing Charlie Nicholas, the Scottish international striker was kept on a tight rein at Southampton, the home team winning 1-0 with a 72nd minute goal by Ian Baird.

Villa, the first club in the first division to play on Queen's Park Rangers artificial turf, clearly did not enjoy the experience. They lost 2-1 to last season's second division champions.

Villa's England striker Peter Withe scored twice — but unfortunately his first was an own goal to give Rangers a 2-0 lead midway through the second half.

His second a minute from time came too late to save his side.

An own goal by another striker, Justin Fashanu, hastened Notts County's demise against Ipswich. He sliced a long throw-in into his net in the 50th minute.

England striker Paul Mariner rubbed salt into the wound with a second goal 16 minutes later.

Champions Liverpool, renowned late goal specialists, collected their second win of the season when Welsh international Ian Rush broke the stalemate against Nottingham Forest at Anfield in the 85th minute.

Manchester United, tipped by many to deny Liverpool their fifth League title in six seasons, bounced back from an unexpected 2-1 home defeat by Forest, to win 1-0 at Stoke. Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren was the marksman in the 54th minute.

Tottenham were also expected to figure prominently in the championship race. But after Saturday's defeat by West Ham only Wolverhampton and Leicester keep them from the bottom of the table.

West Ham went ahead in the 10th minute through Steve Whitton — his first goal for the London club since his summer move from Coventry. Tottenham came back strongly but three minutes before halftime Dave Swindlehurst effectively killed off their challenge when he hammered home a right wing cross.

While West Ham have yet to concede a goal in the League, first division newcomers Leicester, beaten 4-0 and 3-0 in their opening two games, have yet to score one.

But Leicester can take a little heart from the current form of Luton, another club who had a struggle to survive when they returned to the top flight last season.

Luton, one of the most positive sides in the first division, struggled off the disappointment of Brian Stein missing a 30th minute penalty to drub Sunderland 4-1.

Liberty to defend America's Cup

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (R) — The New York Yacht Club's selection committee Friday chose Liberty and skipper Dennis Conner to defend the America's Cup, yacht racing's most coveted trophy.

The selection committee gave the nod to Liberty after watching her beat Courageous, skippered by John Colius, in two races sailed Friday on Rhode Island Sound.

Liberty won the first race by 52 seconds after 19.5 miles of sailing, and took the second by 13 seconds after four legs totalling 16 miles.

The selection committee first informed Colius and his crew of the decision. They then went to Liberty's dock, less than 100 yards (metres) away, where a boisterous reception awaited them.

Conner, a 41-year-old Californian drapery manufacturer who successfully defended the cup in 1980, was thrown into the water by his crew for a traditional victory dip. Other crew members and several of Freedom's backers quickly joined him.

Conner sailed Freedom to a 4-1 victory over Australia three years ago to maintain the United States unbeaten record against foreign challengers in the 132-year history of the competition.

"We had to work harder this year than in 1980 in a lot of ways so this is even more rewarding," Conner said.

"We're guardedly optimistic," said Conner, referring to the upcoming cup defence. "All we can do at this point is to worry about our own programme and not about the things we can't control."

Conner was referring to the controversial bulbous keel of Australia II, the boat expected to win the right to challenge for the America's Cup in a best-of-seven series starting on September 13.

Many yachting experts believe Australia II, backed by the Australian syndicate headed by Alan Bond, will make the strongest challenge yet to the U.S. stranglehold on the cup.

Australia II and its remaining rival for the right to become the challenger, Britain's Victory '83, had the day off from racing and will resume their best-of-seven series on Saturday.

The two boats each have one victory. Victory '83 took the first race by 13 seconds and Australia II the second by four minutes 53 seconds.

Al Zamalek defeats Al Jazirah

AMMAN (J.T.) — Egyptian Al Zamalek soccer team which arrived earlier this week in Amman for meetings with local Jordanian teams, Friday beat Al Jazirah team 1-0 in a match held under the patronage of Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh at the Hussein Sport City stadium.

The only goal of the match was scored by Farouk Jafar, captain of Al Zamalek team in the minute 44 of the match.

Hesitant attacks by Al Jazirah were devastated by the quick Al Zamalek team displaying a fast continuous performance which forced Al Jazirah to play defensive throughout the whole game and prevented them from causing any serious threat to the Zamalek goalkeeper.

About 20,000 spectators watched the game which is the first in the series of games that the visiting Al Zamalek team will hold with local Jordanian teams.

Swedes make sure of World Cup

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (R) — Sweden made certain of winning the World Table Tennis Cup for the first time when Mikael Appelgren and Jan-Ove Waldner battled through to the final here Friday night.

The all-Swedish final will be a repeat of the European final which Appelgren won, though Waldner recently gained his revenge to become Swedish national champion.

The last opposition to the Swedes disappeared when the Yugoslav Champion Zoran Kalinic was beaten by Appelgren in a gruelling tussle lasting an hour and 35 minutes. The score was 15-21, 21-19, 21-23, 21-6, 21-17.

The tense, closely-contested third game was marked by constant towwelling down by both players, despite warnings by umpire Ben Kairy of Peru.

At the end of this game Swedish captain Glen Ost protested to referee Albert Shipley of England that wiping the ball and towelling were necessary because of the humid climate.

But the players were told to heed the warnings, and the fourth game lasted only five minutes.

The fifth game was a classic, with Appelgren's fierce driving eventually finding its way through Kalinic's defence. But at one point the Swede, down by 13-7, seemed to be on his way out.

It will Appelgren's second World Cup final in succession. He lost last time, but with China's super-stars surprisingly eliminated in the earlier rounds this year he will be particularly keen not to finish second best again.

Ovett takes to the hills in search of new record

RIETI, Italy (R) — Briton Steve Ovett takes his search for a world record in the 1,500 metres to this central Italian hill town on Sunday, after it eluded him in the Rhine Valley on Wednesday.

His opponents on the starting line will include Spaniard Juan Manuel Abascal and Swiss Pierre Deleze, organisers said.

And while Ovett makes his record attempt in Italy, his compatriot, World Champion Steve Cram, will be in Knaarvik, Norway, also with the 1,500 metres record in his sights.

The target Ovett and Cram will be shooting for is the three minutes 31.24 seconds set by American Sydney Maree in Cologne last Sunday. That time clipped 12 hundredths of a second off Ovett's old record.

Ovett failed to beat Maree's time when he competed in the Rhine Valley town of Coblenz three days ago but might find conditions here more to his liking.

Rieti is more than 400 metres above sea level and cold conditions are likely to prevail.

Top Americans Emmitt King, in the 100 metres, and Ed Moses, who lowered his world record for the 400 metres hurdles to 47.02 seconds in Coblenz, are other star attractions.

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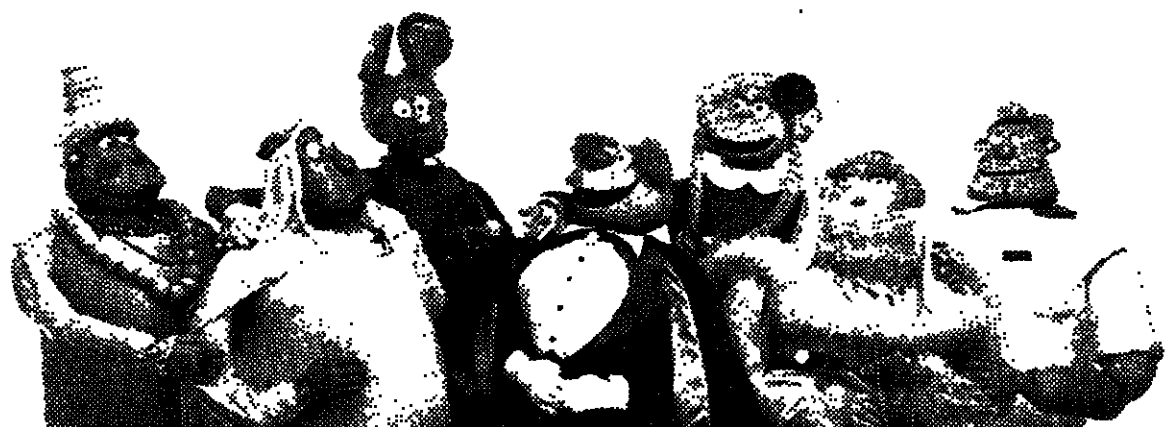
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ECONOMY

U.S. jobless rate remains at 9.5%

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.5 per cent in August, the Labour Department said Friday.

It was the first time since last February that the unemployment rate has not dropped.

Unemployment peaked at 10.8 per cent last December. Before August, the jobless rate had improved considerably since the recovery from the 1981-82 recession began.

Evidence of that improvement was provided in July when the jobless rate dropped to 9.5 per cent from 10 per cent in June. It was the biggest monthly decline in 23 years.

Most experts believe unemployment will not decline as much in the months ahead.

They note that recent economic indicators show the U.S. economic recovery slowing down.

Despite this, July's large drop in unemployment left the jobless rate lower than the Reagan administration had hoped it would be by the end of this year.

In most recent projections, the White House predicted a fourth quarter unemployment rate of 9.6 per cent.

U.K. unemployment shows falling trend

LONDON (R) — The underlying trend of British unemployment turned downward in August for the first time in nearly four years, government figures showed Friday.

But Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit said it was too early to judge if the decline signalled a long-term jobs recovery.

Adjusted to eliminate seasonal differences, the total fell by 15,800 to 2.9 million — 12.3 per cent of the workforce — after 44 consecutive monthly increases, the government said.

Under a new system introduced by the ruling Conservatives, the total excludes 210,000 jobless teenagers, who left school in July and are not yet eligible to claim unemployment benefit, and 9,000 men over the age of 60, who no longer claim the benefit.

The unadjusted total, including school-leavers, fell by 11,000 to three million, 12.6 per cent of the workforce.

The opposition Labour Party's employment spokesman Mr. Eric Varley attacked the government over the figures.

He said: "Every independent economic forecast shows job prospects in Britain will get worse."

Value of Indonesian oil exports declines

JAKARTA (OPECNA) — The value of Indonesia's exports of crude and other oil products in the first four months of this year totalled \$3.40 billion, a 20.2 per cent drop from the \$4.26 billion recorded during the same period of 1982.

Bank Indonesia reported that \$1.14 billion worth of crude was exported by Pertamina, the national oil company, and the balance by foreign oil companies operating in the country under working and production-sharing contracts.

The bank attributed the decrease to the decline in world oil prices following OPEC's decision to lower the price of its marker crude from \$34 to \$29 a barrel.

The export value of Indonesian Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has also declined to \$35 million during the first seven months of 1983 from the \$56 million recorded in the corresponding period last year.

Meanwhile, the government has authorised four companies to import various types of lubricants which cannot yet be produced in the country.

Mr. Syukri Alimuddin, of the trade department, told journalists that the bulk of domestic lubricant demand would be met by Pertamina through the expanded Cilacap, Balikpapan and Dumai oil refineries.

He disclosed that nine lubricant-processing factories in different parts of the country, whose products were below standard, would be closed down this month.

THE BETTER HALF By Harris

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Perfume

"With Stanley I just dab a little gravy behind each ear!"

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

STURY
THANC
FORTYS
SHIVAL

What! No food for such a long trip?
I'm hungry!

WHAT IT TURNED OUT TO BE WHEN THEY FORGOT TO HOOK ON THE DINING CAR.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A "FOOD"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VALVE MADAM WHENCE FLORID
Answer: Everybody was in debt but it's permitted — "ALLOWED"

Soviet Union makes another big grain purchase from U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. government Saturday said the Soviet Union made a second big grain purchase as debate intensified on whether Washington should cancel the grain deal for the reported shooting down of a South Korean airliner.

The U.S. Agriculture Department said grain exporting companies notified the government of new sales of 450,000 tonnes, and changes in destination to Moscow from the unknown category for 490,000 tonnes of corn and soybeans.

The latest transaction follows the sale Friday of 900,000 tonnes, the first under a new \$10 billion,

five-year grain deal signed last week in Moscow.

An Agriculture Department official said he was suspicious when asked if the buying spree might be linked to Moscow's fear of a possible U.S. trade embargo over the South Korean airliner incident.

But he said the purchases could also be in anticipation of higher prices from severe drought damage to the U.S. crop.

Some members of Congress, including Senate majority leader Mr. Robert Byrd, have called for an end to the grain deal to show U.S. displeasure over the downing of the plane carrying 269 persons,

including a U.S. Congressman.

But Senator Robert Dole, Republican from the wheat-growing state of Kansas, said the United States should revoke the grain agreement only if all other suppliers would agree not to sell to the Soviet Union.

Several midwestern governors also said it would be a mistake to impose a grain embargo as part of any retaliatory measure.

"I don't think crops should be used for diplomacy," said Indiana Governor Robert Orr as lawmakers from 27 states met in Chicago with Agriculture Secretary John Block to discuss the widespread losses from the two-

month-long heat wave.

Mr. Block said he doubted a new agreement to sell grain to the Soviet Union would be affected by the downing of the airliner.

"The agreement is a contract by the government... a contract is a contract," Mr. Block told a news conference after the three-hour meeting.

"We've not abrogated other agreements and I guess we'd have to take our precedent from that," he added.

Mr. Block said his general feeling was that embargoes on grain or other materials had not worked in the past and would not work in the future.

Insurance on lost jumbo will be paid

LONDON (R) — The insurance payout on the South Korean airliner that the Soviet Union is alleged to have shot will be one of the largest in aviation history, London sources said Friday.

The Korean Airlines Boeing 747 jumbo jet was covered for \$35 million and insured against war risks, and if the plane was shot down the money will still be paid, experts in the insurance market said.

But key questions will have to be cleared up before the amount of compensation to families of the 269 passengers can be predicted.

A main question to be resolved is how the Soviet Union will respond to demands for compensation by South Korea and other governments.

Families of passengers killed in air crashes normally claim compensation from the airline which it recoups from insurance.

But one expert commented Friday: "If the Russians were to accept legal liability for the loss of the plane, then the relatives of passengers would look to the Rus-

sians for compensation."

Insurance companies in London and the Far East were urgently waiting for fuller information on the loss of the jet near the Soviet island of Sakhalin.

Insurers involved in providing cover refused to discuss the insurance position.

Other experts said the question of passenger compensation was complicated and would take many months to sort out.

Korean Airlines in Seoul said it could receive up to \$400 million insurance for the passengers and cargo and \$35 million for the aircraft, figures that suggested average payments over \$1 million per passenger.

Aviation sources in London said such passenger compensation figures would be unprecedented and \$75,000 was a maximum individual passenger liability accepted by many airlines.

The amount that can be claimed on behalf of passengers can vary widely depending on such factors as the country in which the pas-

senger bought the ticket.

Korean Airlines said it held an insurance policy with the Oriental Fire and Marine Insurance Company which was reinsured by Lloyd's of London, the Korea Reinsurance Company and four other foreign insurance firms.

Some 75 per cent of the cover was reinsured with the London insurance market, informed sources said.

If American charges that the Soviet Union shot down the Korean jet are proven, it will make the incident the third reported shooting down of a civilian airliner in a decade.

Insurance experts said they could not recall that any state involved paid compensation.

In 1973 Israel jets shot down a Libyan Boeing 727 over the Sinai desert, killing all 74 on board.

In 1979 black guerrillas shot down a Rhodesian Viscount airliner with a Soviet missile, killing 38 people, in the then rebel British colony of Rhodesia.

Pastore replaces Langoni

BRASILIA (R) — Sao Paulo university professor Dr. Alphonso Celso Pastore was appointed governor of the Brazilian central bank Friday in place of Mr. Carlos Langoni, who resigned Thursday night, a presidential spokesman said.

Government officials said Dr. Pastore, 44, was a friend of the Planning Minister Antonio Delfim Netto, main architect of Brazil's efforts to avoid default on an estimated \$40 billion foreign debt, the largest in the developing world.

Delfim has emerged strengthened from the episode, a senior official said.

Mr. Langoni, 39, told reporters earlier Friday he resigned because he believed new economic targets for 1984 agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were not viable.

He said he agreed with Mr. Delfim Netto and Finance Minister Emílio Garrastizus, the third member of Brazil's debt-negotiating "troika", on the need to cut inflation and the public sector deficit.

Their differences lay in the speed at which the economy should be expected to adjust.

"I believe the fund is really demanding an adjustment in too short a time," he said.

Foreign bankers in Brazil said they did not expect Mr. Langoni's resignation after more than three and a half years in office to alter the government's debt-financing strategy as Mr. Delfim Netto was still in overall charge.

"If it had been Delfim who had resigned that would be a different matter," a senior U.S. banker remarked.

Recently he was economics professor at the University of Sao Paulo, where Mr. Delfim Netto also taught in the past.

Arab Monetary Fund to expand operations

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — The Arab Monetary Fund is studying ways of expanding its activities to promote inter-Arab trade, Mr. Saad Ghobash, the fund's president, said here.

He said it had also been decided to double the fund's capital to about \$2 billion, contributed in agreed quotas by member states, with the majority paid by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria and Qatar.

The fund, an offshoot of the Arab League, was set up in 1976 to shore up deficits in member states' balance of payments, stabilise exchange rates, encourage monetary cooperation, offer expert advice, promote the creation of a unified Arab currency and coordinate Arab positions on international financial questions.

Last year, the fund extended loans totalling \$104.7 million in its currency, the Arab Accounting Dinar (AAD), which is equivalent to three Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) of the International Monetary Fund.

UAE postpones duty plan

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — Imposition of a minimum four per cent import duty in the United Arab Emirates, due to become operative Thursday, has been postponed, except in the Ras Al Khaimah emirate.

Finance ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) decided recently to impose a duty on all goods imported into the six member states, ranging from four to 20 per cent.

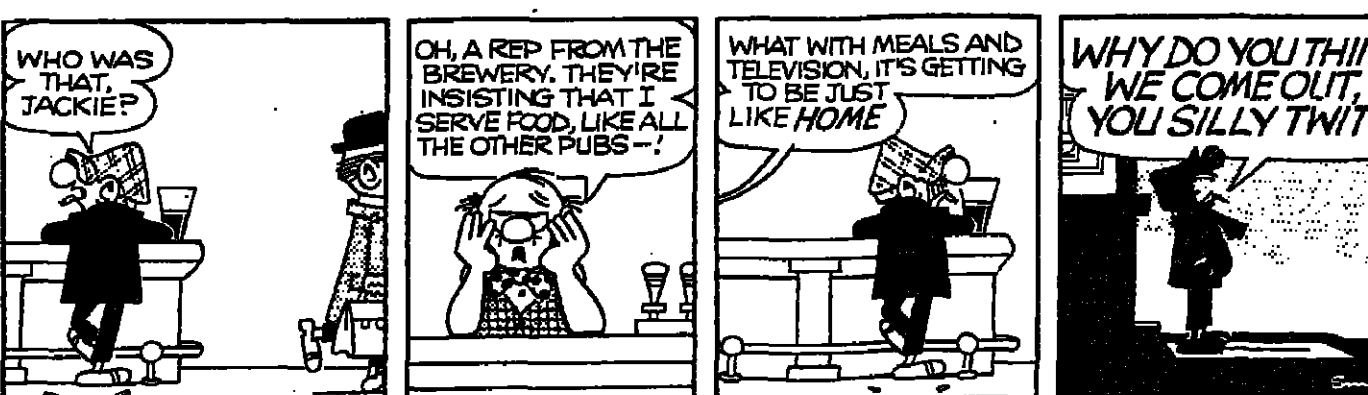
Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A great day and evening for you to think big and to get big and especially where conservative interests and activities are concerned and a new approach at them as well.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Your creativity is high today and can make the best use of it and gain much happiness as well. Be with persons you really like.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get busy and improve the situation at home and show family your interest in it and your devotion to them.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study into that philosophy you like so much and become better in tune so that it can enrich your life more.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have some excellent ideas about how to have more prosperity in the future, so make a note of them early.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Some clever ideas you have should be either pushed right now or placed with those who can carry through with them for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get some inspired ideas, either from meditation or other persons and plan your life more successfully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A good day to be with persons who like you and deepen the relationship with them. Then concentrate on personal matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Think about those influential people who can best aid you in career work and plan to see them. Make better plans for the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are intuitively guided for what is best for you to do today, and can also get into philosophical studies that are helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Think and act constructively and be with persons who are progressive and mean something in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Being with individuals who get things done and have a healthy outlook on life is wise today. Get to know them better.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make your surroundings more charming so that you can be happier in them and also please others more.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one of those delightful young people who can view everything from its best light and be able to accomplish more than others with relative ease and can reach the top of his, or her profession, provided you give a fine education.

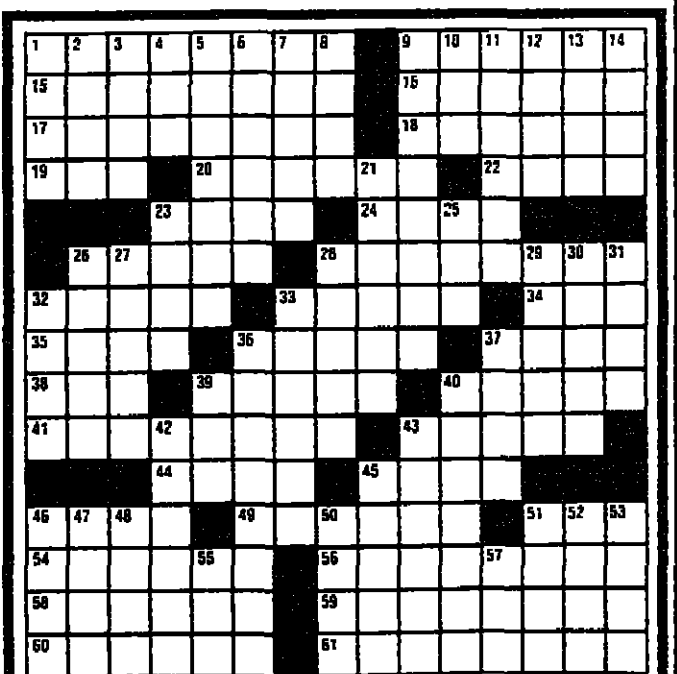
"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By James E. Hinish, Jr.

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| ACROSS | 26 Follows | 46 Kulak's hut | 23 Light |
| 1 Show colors | 28 Texas | 49 "— so rare as..." | 25 Bishopric |
| 9 Playbill | 32 "Ad — per aspera" | 51 Burrows or Vigoda | 26 Hebrew vowel mark |
| 15 Guiding light | 33 Sulting | 54 Breastbones | 27 Up — (cornered) |
| 18 Suddenly | 34 — carte | 56 Sea 15A | 28 TV's Norman and family |
| 17 Certain | 35 VIP word | 58 Shooting star | 29 Palate |
| 16 Town in Fla. | 36 Data, for short | 59 Star | 30 First magnitude star |
| 19 Food for Dobbin | 37 Notice | 60 Bart, Belle and Brenda | 31 Starlight |
| 20 Hamletway | 38 Rage | 61 Mining town VIPs | 32 Rara |
| 22 "Stars and Stripes" | 39 Headliners | | 33 Laundry need |
| 23 Helmsman's direction | 40 Orbits | | 36 Skywalker's film |
| 24 Court decree word | 41 Suffer a blow on the head | | 37 Orient |
| | 42 O.T. book | | 38 Depot: abbr. |
| | 43 Tuilleries, e.g. | | 40 Etruscan king |
| | 44 Spanish muralist | | 42 Leaner |
| | | | 43 Namesakes of Spyril heroine |
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| | | | 46 Doctrines |
| | | | 47 Printer's |
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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WORLD

U.S. Libertarian Party meets to seek candidate

NEW YORK (R) — Delegates of the U.S. Libertarian Party, which won almost a million votes in the 1980 presidential election, are now meeting to find a candidate who can best articulate the party's opposition to government power in 1984.

The party, a collection of conservative and liberal elements devoted to defending individual rights, were to formally elect presidential and vice-presidential candidates at a national convention here Saturday.

Top contenders are Earl Ravenal, a professor of international relations at Georgetown University, and David Bergland, an attorney in private practice from Costa Mesa, California.

Mr. Ravenal, Mr. Bergland and three others are in the running following the withdrawal last week of leading contender Gene Burns, a radio talk-show host from Orlando, Florida. Mr. Burns was reported to have left the race because he did not believe the party could raise the funds for an effective campaign.

Some 600 delegates attended Friday's session in a hotel ballroom, wearing the badges of their favoured candidate and seated

beneath placards bearing the names of their home states. But the balloons and frivolity so dominant at Democratic and Republican national conventions were nowhere to be found.

"These people are deep-thinking people," said delegate Dale Hemming, a laboratory supervisor from Minneapolis. "They're interested in the practical aspects of changing society."

Most delegates conceded a Libertarian could not win the White House. "It's obvious we will not win the race," said Mr. Hemming. "This doesn't detract from the fact that it is a great vehicle to present our ideas."

As caucus meetings got under way, delegates debated matters such as withdrawal of all U.S. military forces abroad, abolition of age laws for drinking, and condemnation of U.S. activities in Latin America.

W. Germany turns down Soviet soldier

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (R) — A 19-year-old Soviet soldier who escaped from Swiss military detention and asked unsuccessfully for asylum in West Germany refused to return to Switzerland, a Karlsruhe city council spokesman said Saturday.

Yuri Vashchenko, one of eight soldiers held in a Swiss military detention centre after being captured by Afghan guerrillas, absconded on July 8 while on a weekly escorted excursion, according to the Swiss foreign office.

He crossed the frontier illegally and asked for asylum in the West German town of Freiburg.

Since July 12, Vashchenko has been living at an asylum centre in Karlsruhe, where officials told him Thursday his application for asylum had been rejected, the spokesman said.

"He took the rejection without any noticeable change of expression," he said. "The only thing he said was that under no circumstances would he go back to Switzerland."

The soldier had refused the city's offer of legal advice, and also refused to give interviews or let the press take photographs, he added.

'15m children in Third World die each year'

KARACHI (R) — Fifteen million children in the Third World die each year because of disease, malnutrition, parental ignorance and a lack of hygiene, the head of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) said Saturday.

Global infant mortality had been cut by half in the past 30 years but remained high in urban slums and backward rural areas of developing countries, UNICEF executive director James Grant said at the end of a two-day visit to Pakistan.

Half the preventable deaths were due to malnutrition, either through lack of food or damage done by poor eating to a child's defences against disease, he said. Chronic diarrhoea caused by bad hygiene was to blame for another one-quarter to one-third of all the deaths.

Mr. Grant, who left for Tokyo, said the 15 million deaths due to avoidable causes compared with one million deaths which could not be prevented.

About 600,000 Pakistani children died from preventable causes every year and the same number were left blind, deaf or crippled after being struck by diseases such as measles while already weak from malnutrition.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN
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Q.—We play a five-card major system, which means that we open a prepared minor when we hold a major suit of only four cards. The trouble is that we open the "better minor." That has raised considerable problems. It is clear which minor is better when you hold A-K-x in one and Q-x-x in the other. But which should you open when you hold A-J-x in one and K-Q-x in the other, for example? We would appreciate your help.—B. Nelson, Silver Spring, Md.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.) A.—It is because of problems like this that few expert pairs open the better minor. There is no difficulty when one minor is longer than the other—open the longer suit. A second rule to remember is never open a two-card suit.

That leaves only two cases at issue: 1) where you have two three-card minors, and 2) where you have two four-card minors.

It really doesn't matter what you elect to do, as long as you are consistent. Personally, I like to open one club when I have two three-card minors and one diamond when I have two four-card minors. I believe that most experts use this method, and it has one obvious advantage—whenever you open one

diamond, you will usually have at least a four-card suit. Thus you will have one fewer artificial bid to worry about, and partner will feel free to raise your diamond suit in a competitive auction.

You will note that I said you will usually have a four-card suit when you open one diamond. There is one holding where you will have only three diamonds but will be forced to open the bidding with one diamond nevertheless. It is that rare hand in which you hold four cards in each major, three diamonds and only two clubs.

Q.—One point always vexes me—how do you evaluate insufficiently guarded honors?—L. Silverman, Bronx, N.Y. A.—You do not know whether a singleton honor, or a doubleton queen, for that matter, is going to be a working value or not when you first evaluate your hand. A simple method is the following:

Count either the honor's high-card value or distributional value, whichever is higher. Thus a singleton king is worth 3 points; a singleton jack is worth 2 points, as is a doubleton or singleton queen. However, a singleton ace is worth 6 points and a doubleton king 4. Neither is insufficiently guarded.

Soviet hijack said foiled

MOSCOW (R) — Two men who tried to hijack a Soviet airliner to the West were fooled by a fake refuelling stop and one was shot dead by security guards, a Soviet newspaper said Saturday.

The weekly illustrated Nedelya said the incident occurred on July 5 on a Tupolev-134 flight from Moscow to Tallin, capital of the Soviet Baltic republic of Estonia.

It said a man with long, unkempt hair told a stewardess there was a bomb which his companion would detonate unless the pilot

changed course to London or Oslo. After she refused to let them on the flight deck they agreed with the pilot over the intercom to a refuelling stop in what they thought was Kotka, in Finland, but was in fact Leningrad.

When he saw they had been tricked, one hijacker shouted to the other, who was sitting among the passengers clutching two wires, to blow up the plane. But security guards were already aboard and shot him down, arresting the other, the paper said.

Final round of Nigerian electoral contest started

LAGOS (R) — A fifth and final round of Nigeria's month-long general elections started Saturday as President Shugu Shagari's National Party tried to build on its sweeping gains in the earlier polls.

Nigerians were voting Saturday for representatives in its 19 state assemblies, law-making bodies which rule mainly on local issues.

Mr. Shagari's National Party of Nigeria (NPN) won a majority in eight assemblies in the last elections in 1979, and is expected to improve on this after its victories in elections last month.

Mr. Shagari was re-elected for a second four-year term with a four million majority in the presidential poll and the NPN went on to win 13 state governorships and 55 of the 85 contested seats in the federal senate.

Friday night, with three results outstanding from last Saturday's election for the 450-member federal house of representatives, the NPN had won 259 of the 386 contested seats.

Two Western states, which had been opposition Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) strongholds, voted in only the first two polls.

Further voting in Oyo and Ondo was postponed indefinitely because of violence which erupted over allegations of vote-rigging after NPN candidates unseated UPN governors.

The state assemblies have between 30 and 138 members. The UPN currently holds a majority in five states, the Nigerian People's Party controls three, the Great Nigeria People's Party (GNPP) two and the People's Redemption Party one.

Opposition parties have said they fear Nigeria could be heading slowly towards one-party rule after their election defeats last month at the hands of the NPN.

The NPN, which is now assured of an overwhelming majority in both houses of the national assembly, has dismissed these fears as hallucinatory.

U.S. women voters have low opinion of president

By Michael Gelb
Reuter

SANTA BARBARA, California — President Reagan's summer holiday at his California ranch was disturbed by two things: the disappearance of a Korean airliner Wednesday, and the older, more pressing problem he has with the nation's women.

The holiday has been interrupted repeatedly by reminders that his standing with women has dropped into the political danger zone.

Mr. Reagan's problems with women voters, already serious, have worsened in recent days with a widely publicised attack by one of his own female appointees and renewed broadsides from feminists at a huge Washington political rally last weekend.

The president's dilemma cannot be dismissed lightly. Edward Rollins, the top White House political tactician, is said to believe that women could wield a decisive vote in 1984, especially in the heavily populated East and Midwest.

Mr. Reagan political strategists who must work on the assumption he will seek re-election in 1984 know well that:

Women comprised 52.4 per cent of the eligible United States voting populace of 141 million in 1980 and their majority has grown since. More women turn out on polling day than men. They are far more critical of Mr. Reagan than are men, a phenomenon now commonly referred to as the gender gap.

Evidence of a gender gap emerged in the 1980 election when Mr. Reagan ran 20 percentage points ahead of then-President Jimmy Carter among male voters but only two points ahead in the women's vote. That was the first time women had ever voted significantly differently from men in a presidential contest.

The pattern was underscored in the 1982 congressional elections when women voted for opposition Democrats by 54 to 39 per cent and helped them score solid gains against Mr. Reagan's Republicans. The Democrats held only a slight edge among men.

The trend has continued in recent polls of Mr. Reagan's job performance. These problems are symbolised by Mr. Reagan's opposition to the proposed equal rights amendment to the U.S. constitution. But polls show they are worsened by beliefs that his budget-cutting policies hurt women most and that his anti-Soviet rhetoric and defence buildups may be increasing prospects for world war.

White House aides concede Mr. Reagan could not afford further trouble with women voters—but it came anyway even as he tried to escape political cares at his California ranch.

An obscure Justice Department

aide named Barbara Honneger, appointed by Mr. Reagan to help identify laws that perpetuate sex discrimination, resigned recently with the charge that the effort was a sham undermined by White House indifference.

Thrown out to the defensive by the adverse publicity, Mr. Reagan insisted Mr. Honneger was absolutely wrong and that his commitment to root out sex-biased laws was genuine.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes jumped into the fray, saying: "No previous administration can compare with the number of women that we have placed in senior-level positions."

With gender gap criticism nonetheless piling up during the West Coast holiday, Mr. Reagan took the further step of naming his daughter Maureen, herself a staunch feminist, as a Republican Party adviser on women's issues.

Ms. Honneger charged Maureen Reagan had sold her soul. Trying to rid itself of the Honneger row, the White House got into more hot water by making comments women saw as derisive and in keeping with what they regard as Mr. Reagan's condescending attitude toward women.

One Justice Department spokesman dismissed Mr. Honneger as a low-level muckin' (an insignificant little person). Mr. Speakes implied much the same by quipping that, the last time he saw her, "she was an eager bunny in the White House Easter egg roll," an entertainment for children.

Ms. Honneger, noting the rabbit was actually played by the wife of presidential adviser Edwin Meese, accused the White House of trying to smear her and said, "do you think they would try to do this to a man?"

The largest militant women's groups rallied to Ms. Honneger's side at an anti-Reagan news conference and his meeting with a loyal Republican women's group in San Diego, California, last Friday.

Other leading feminists denounced Mr. Reagan at a mass rally marking the 20th anniversary of the late Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I have a dream" speech in Washington last weekend. The backlash from the Honneger affair was reminiscent of another row just before Mr. Reagan's holiday, when he told one women's group he valued women's place in history and said: "U.S. men would still be walking around in skin suits carrying clubs" if it were not for the civilising influence of women.

The speech infuriated feminists. Some White House political aides believe the whole gender-gap issue is being overplayed by the news media. They say much of the feminist criticism comes from left-wingers who would not support Mr. Reagan under any circumstances.

Soviet obsession with security underlined by airliner incident

By Mark Wood

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet action against a South Korean airliner which strayed into its airspace has underlined Moscow's acute sensitivity about national security and an almost obsessive fear of imminent attack.

While leaders around the world have expressed shock and outrage at reports that Soviet fighters shot down the airliner, ordinary Russians who heard about the incident from foreigners were not surprised by the possibility.

The Soviet air force has already shown it is ready to fire on civilian airliners by shooting at a South Korean airliner which crossed into northern Russian airspace in 1978.

On that occasion the fuselage was holed and two passengers killed, but the aircraft managed to make an emergency landing on a frozen lake near Murmansk.

The Soviet authorities never apologised for the incident and declared the airliner pilot to be at

fault, saying he had ignored signals from fighters ordering him to land.

The sharp reaction to such intrusions and the general attitude of the public reflect what Western diplomats describe as a deep-seated Russian psychosis about security.

Ordinary Russians who heard about the U.S. version of events were stunned by the casualty figure but mostly said they thought it understandable if Soviet jets had fired on the plane.

"If it failed to heed warnings and was inside our airspace then the fighters really had no choice but to shoot at it," one middle-aged man said.

Others said they were convinced the plane "must have been up to something" when it crossed into an area bristling with missile bases and suggested the fighters therefore had good reason to take action.

Diplomats said Russian fear of attack was rooted in the history of a country which for centuries had

no secure borders. It had been intensified by the devastation and suffering caused by the Nazi invasion in World War II.

From early childhood, ordinary Russians are told that their country is in constant danger of attack from Western "imperialists" and that acute vigilance is required.

The same slogans are a central part of military training. In the past there have been reports of incidents on the country's borders when troops opened fire without warning at people who had strayed onto the Soviet side.

Diplomats said the 1978 airliner incident already pointed to major differences between Soviet and Western practices as NATO fighter pilots are barred from firing at civilian craft under any circumstances.

It also appeared to show that military chiefs could make a decision to carry out such an attack in peacetime without authority from political leaders, the diplomats said. They described this as unthinkable in the West.

2 shuttle members rap alleged attack

KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE, Florida (R) — The commander and pilot of the space shuttle Challenger said Saturday they deplored the reported shooting down of a South Korean airliner by Soviet fighters.

Mission Commander Richard Truly and pilot Daniel Brandenstein were asked at a press conference relayed from Challenger about the reported attack on the plane carrying 269 people which strayed into Soviet air space.

"I think the situation is absolutely ridiculous and terrible," Truly said, adding that a short report on the incident had been sent up to the shuttle at his request.

Brandenstein said: "I guess I can't possibly understand a single reason for shooting down a commercial airliner regardless of where or when it is. But we don't have all the facts and you can't make a final judgment until you have all the facts."

Manila wants compensation

MANILA (R) — The Philippines government asked the Soviet Union to pay compensation to families of Filipinos on board the South Korean airliner lost near Sakhalin.

Officials said Soviet charge d'affaires Nicolai Bulgyn was summoned to the home of Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo and handed a note asking for "adequate reparations".

The note said the Philippines government conveyed its "distress over the loss of lives, including those of about 27 Filipino nationals on board the Korean Airlines commercial jetliner that was brought down over the Sea of Japan."

Before the meeting Mr. Romulo told newsmen: "We're not accusing them (the Soviet Union) at all." He said he preferred to wait for the results of an investigation.

Hearing on Aquino killing starts Tuesday

MANILA (R) — The first public hearing by a special judicial commission investigating the murder of Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino will be held on Tuesday, officials said.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Enrique Fernando, who heads the commission, told newsmen Friday that the first witness to be called would be Manila's police chief, Maj. Gen. Prospero Olivas. He is in charge of the police investigation into the assassination at Manila Airport on Aug. 21.

The five-member panel was set up by President Ferdinand Marcos after calls for an independent probe into the murder of Aquino as he was escorted from a plane that brought him home after three years self-imposed exile in the United States.

Justice Fernando said a formal invitation had been issued to Sen. Aquino's widow, Corazon, to send a representative to the hearings. The representative would be allowed to cross-examine witnesses, he said.

The mother and sister of the alleged assassin, identified by police as Rolando Galman, were in protective custody and would be made available to the commission, he added.

U.K. sends Invincible, other ships to Far East

LONDON (R) — A powerful British naval task force headed by the carrier Invincible is now heading for the Far East amid claims that it will leave North Atlantic defence weakened.

The 19,500-tonne carrier, Britain's most powerful warship and a star of the Falkland Islands War, will spend Christmas in Australia after sailing by way of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, Bombay, Goa, Cochin, Penang, Singapore, New Zealand and possibly other ports of call.

Accompanying Invincible and its Harrier jump-jets are three frigates and three supply ships and a fourth frigate will join the flotilla in the Indian Ocean. Apart from demonstrating that Britain is still able to send a naval force to any part of the globe, the force will show off British defence equipment.

The defence ministry has denied charges that the absence of the front-line warships for up to nine months will enfeeble North Atlantic sea defences of the NATO alliance, placing a heavy burden on Dutch, Belgian and West German fleets.

Several press reports last week described the despatch of the task force as a gamble and one quoted an unnamed authoritative source as saying it would denude the navy.

But a defence ministry spokesman told Reuters: "This is not the case as there will be many other ships available and we will continue to meet our NATO tasks."

The issue has spotlighted a rumbling row among naval experts, officials and politicians about what sort of navy Britain should have in the wake of last year's South Atlantic war with Argentina to recapture the Falkland Islands colony.

With 12 vessels always needed to guard the Falklands, 12,000 kilometres from home, the British navy's 63 fighting surface warships have rarely been so sorely stretched.

This is despite the fact that plans have been dropped to sell Invincible to Australia and scrap some front-line surface ships, part of a long-term strategy to concentrate resources on a potential Soviet threat in Europe and the North Atlantic.

"Jane's Fighting Ships", the influential naval reference book, charged last week that defence policies had left emasculated the navy and accused politicians of "lamentable failure to appreciate the role of sea power in affairs of state."

Its editor, Capt. John Moore, said the navy was deficient in carriers, minesweepers, airborne early warning and other areas and lacked the balance needed for a general maritime role.

Defence spending is now under the spotlight again as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tries to trim some £6 billion (\$9 billion) off state spending plans for next year to keep them within her £126 billion (\$190 billion) target.

The indications are that few Britons would object to cuts in defence costs, now taking £16 billion or 13 per cent of state spending. In a recent public opinion poll 46 per cent of those questioned said Mrs. Thatcher was spending too much on defence and only 12 per cent wanted her to spend more.

Nevertheless Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine could get sympathy from Mrs. Thatcher, once dubbed the "iron lady" by the Soviets, as he battles for the maximum defence funding.

Invincible is being escorted by the frigates Aurora, Rothesay and Achilles and backed by three supply ships and joined in the Indian Ocean by the frigate Andromeda and another supply ship.

In the Far East Aurora and Achilles will be replaced by the destroyer Glamorgan and frigate Brazen.

The ships may join exercises with Australian, New Zealand and American units, defence sources said.

Shuttle crew exuberant

KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE (R) — The Challenger astronauts said Saturday in a live news conference from 208 kilometres above the earth that their space mission was a success, adding it should be extended because it was such fun.

The five crewmen were seen on television screens answering questions from U.S. television and news agency reporters during the first news conference of the shuttle programme.

Mission commander Richard Truly, 45, said the flight — the third for Challenger and the eighth in the shuttle programme — was extremely successful so far, starting with the "fireworks of the night launch."

Asked whether they preferred staying in space to coming home as scheduled on Monday all five voted to stay, but mission specialist Dale Gardner, 34, added "as long as the food holds out."

During the half hour event, the astronauts looked relaxed and healthy, talking enthusiastically about the Challenger's night-time blastoff last Tuesday.

Pilot Daniel Brandenstein, 40, said the launch was "mighty exciting" and added: "I don't think I've ever been as excited as I was on that ascent. It was a thrilling ride."

The astronauts have suc-

cessfully deployed an Indian communications and weather satellite and tested the orbiter's mechanical arm.

Testing is continuing of the new satellite link, vital to the shuttle programme and the Earth-orbiting space lab project scheduled for October.

The satellite is functioning well now but there have been periodic ground equipment problems during the flight.

Truly was pilot on the second shuttle flight in November 1981 which had to be cut from five days to two days.

He said: "If you remember those days we were worried about the safety of the vehicle... we really have made great strides I think, and I think it's a great future for America in space."

"The flight is just going to be one of many flights in which black Americans fly in space," said mission specialist Guion Bluford, the first black American to fly in space.

Bluford, 40, also said that "flying in space is fun, working in zero gravity is a piece of cake and the view is spectacular."

Mission specialist William Thornton, 54, the oldest American to fly in space, was asked about space adaptation syndrome, a type of motion sickness that afflicts about half the shuttle travellers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

2 Soviet planes boycotted in London

LONDON (R) — Ground crews at London's second airport, Gatwick, refused to work on two Soviet planes Friday in a protest at the alleged shooting down of a South Korean airliner over the Soviet Far East. But supervisors formed a team to carry out the work. One of the Aeroflot Tupolev 154 charter jets took off about an hour behind schedule. The other left on time. British Caledonian Airways, which supplies ground services to Aeroflot, said its loaders, engineers and drivers had joined the boycott.

Live mortar bomb in queen's estate

LONDON (R) — Army experts have exploded a mortar bomb found on the edge of Queen Elizabeth's Scottish estate at Balmoral where the royal family are on holiday. The live bomb, believed to be many years old, was found in a stream 1.6 kilometres from a favourite royal picnic site and about 9 kilometres from Balmoral Castle. Army authorities said the area was used as a gunnery practice range during World War II. The bomb was found by a biologist collecting samples in the area.

S. African TV seeks black leader

JOHANNESBURG (R) — State-run South African television has asked the leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) for an interview which would be screened here, the Rand Daily Mail reported Saturday. The ANC is dedicated to ending white minority rule in South Africa. The newspaper said an invitation telefaxed to ANC President Oliver Tambo at the group's London office was followed up by a visit there from journalist Cliff Saunders.

'Fornarina' was not painted by Raphael

ROME (R) — Raphael's "Fornarina" or Baker's daughter, the portrait of a voluptuous young woman said to have been the great love of the brilliant Italian Renaissance artist, may not be by him after all. Art expert Pico Cellini, one of Italy's leading authorities on renaissance art and an adviser to museums throughout the world, says in the current edition of *Giornale dell'Arte* that the painting is definitely not by Raphael. He suggests it was painted after his death in 1520 and should be attributed to a minor artist from the school of the Emilian area of Central Italy.

India frowns upon 'Eve teasing'

NEW DELHI (R) — The Indian government is planning a law to discourage sexual harassment of women which has been on the increase in Delhi, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said. A draft of the "Delhi Eve teasing prohibition bill" was being studied by the Indian home ministry for presentation to Parliament in the near future, PTI said. Eve teasing is a term for sexual harassment short of rape and covers bottom pinching, brushing against women in public places or in buses, and lewd remarks. PTI quoted home ministry statistics which showed convictions for such offences rose from 552 in 1980 to 1538 in 1982.

Chile investigates copper doublecross

SANTIAGO (R) — A gang of up to 50 people made more than \$2 million by stealing copper from one of Chile's state-owned mining companies and selling it back to another, the semi-official Orbe news agency said. Orbe quoted police as saying that the gang stole copper concentrate from the Chilean copper corporation's mine at Chuquibambilla, then resold it to a smelter belonging to the national mining company — which helps small private producers. The agency said eight people had been arrested so far.